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QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE TEXTS THAT DIRECTLY SPEAK ABOUT "ANTICHRIST"?

[A.] Leviticus 6:22 KJB – And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: it is a statute for ever unto the LORD; it shall be wholly burnt.

Leviticus 6:15 (22) so called LXX – “ὁ ἱερεὺς ὁ χριστὸς ἀντί” (christos anti; anointed in his stead) αὐτοῦ ἐκ τῶν σιῶν αὐτοῦ ποιήσει αὐτήν· νόμος σιώνος, ἅπα ἐπιτελεσθήσεται.”

[B.] 1Jn_2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist** shall come, even now are there many **antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.

[C.] 1Jn_2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist**, that denieth the Father and the Son.

[D.] 1Jn_4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that **spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

[E.] 2Jn_1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an **antichrist**.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES "ANTICHRIST" MEAN?

The English word "AntiChrist" comes from a combination of two koine Greek words, and is basically a transliteration (koine Greek words being spelled in English letters).

[1.] “ἀντί” (anti)

[2.] “χριστὸς” (christos)

Anti - Opposeth (against) & Exalteth (In the place of) Christ (Acts 20:28-30 KJB)

2 Thess. 2:4 Who **opposeth** and **exalteth** himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

[1] **opposeth** (meaning against)

[2] **exalteth** (meaning to the very place or position of)

In the so-called (LXX) septaginta - 2 Chronicles 26:1, “**anti**” meaning “**in the place/room/office of**”, “**anti** tou patros” (in the place of the [his Uzziah's] father [Amaziah]) and in 1 Kings 5:1 (KJB) similarly (LXX differs). In Matthew 2:22, “**anti**” meaning “**in the place/room/office of**”, “**anti** [H]erwdou tou patros” (“in the place of Herod the [his Archelaus] father [Herod]”). Read Luke 1:20, 12:3, 19:44; Acts 12:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:10, “**anth** wn”; and Ephesians 5:31, “**anti** toutou”. It can therefore mean to be against, and/or in the place/room/office of. Both fit the definition of “**anti**”, and “denying” Jesus the Christ, but in differing ways. **One is overt opposition**, the other is **covert opposition or usurpation** (like False Smerdis; Ezra 4:7-24). In Revelation 2:13 the word “**Antipas**”, means “in the place of the father” or even “against the father”. Words like “**Antioch**”, and “**Antipatris**” are also found similar uses. Even in so called (LXX) Septuaginta, Leviticus 6:15 (6:22 English).

Christ - Anointed, Messiah (Hebrew)

[A.] 2Co_1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in **Christ**, and hath **anointed** us, is God;

[B.] Dan_9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah** the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Dan_9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah** be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

[C.] Isa_61:1 **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me** to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

[D.] Luk_4:18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me** to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

[E.] Luk_23:35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be **Christ, the chosen of God**.

[F.] Joh_1:41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found **the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ**.

[G.] Joh_4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that **Messias** cometh, **which is called Christ**: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES "ANTICHRIST" TEACH THAT IS SO BAD?

[A.] 1Jn_4:3 And every spirit that **confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh** is not of God: and this is that **spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

[B.] 2Jn_1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who **confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh**. This is a deceiver and an **antichrist**.

The Bible declares that Jesus came “in the likeness of **sinful** (fallen) **flesh**” nature of mankind:

Rom_8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

[for "likeness" see Philippians 2:7; Romans 6:5]

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Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the **likeness** of men:

Was Jesus a "man"? Yes/No?, or only 'appeared' to be?

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the **likeness** of his death, we shall be also in the **likeness** of his resurrection:

Do we not also die by crucifixion? (Gal. 2:20) Shall we not also be resurrected and glorified as He (Php. 3:21)?

Jhn. 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; ..." FLESH (εν σαρκι) OF JESUS (sinful) (condemned)	Jhn. 3:6 "... and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." SPIRIT (MIND/HEART) OF JESUS (sinless) (justified)
He came in the likeness (Romans 8:3) ("likeness", see Philippians 2:7; Romans 6:5) of sinful flesh (Romans 8:3) and " condemned sin in the flesh ", as He committed no sin (1 John 3:4; Romans 7:7; James 2:8-12). For verily he took not on him the nature of angels ; but he took on him the seed of Abraham . (Hebrews 2:16) [Heavenly angelic flesh nature (1 Cor. 15:38-41; Jud. 1:7; Mat. 25:31) is unfallen, "holy"]	Jesus was born of the "Holy Ghost" (Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:35) "... This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. " (Matthew 3:17, 17:5; Mark 1:11; 2 Peter 1:17)
"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh. " (Romans 1:3) " son of David, the son of Abraham " (Matthew 1:1-18) [Flesh Lineage from fallen Abraham, and born of Mary, fallen woman; Matthew 1:16] " [son of] Adam " (Luke 3:23-38) [Flesh Lineage from fallen Adam] "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law. " (Galatians 4:4) "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh , arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;" (1 Peter 4:1)	"... I do always those things that please him. (John 8:29) [see Isaiah 58:13; sabbath keeping is pleasing to the Father] "Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father , and ye do dishonour me." (John 8:49) "... I have kept my Father's commandments , and abide in his love." (John 15:10) The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable. " (Isaiah 42:21) "Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased : I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles." (Matthew 12:18)
"Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren , that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." (Hebrews 2:17) "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us ..." (John 1:14) "God manifest in the flesh " (1 Timothy 3:16) " ... of the fruit of his [David's] loins, according to the flesh ... " (Acts 2:30) " in all things it behoved him to be made like unto [his] brethren " (Hebrews 2:17) "... to every seed his own body ... " (1 Corinthians 15:38) "... having crucified the flesh ... " (Galatians 5:24) "... nailing it to His cross. " (Colossians 2:4) "Wherefore when he cometh into the world , he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me : (Hebrews 10:5)	"That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure : even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid." (Isaiah 44:28) Jesus was that "holy thing" (Luke 1:35) " "lamb shall be without blemish" (Exodus 12:5) an "holy child" (Acts 4:27,30)
" as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same " (Hebrews 2:14) "was in all points tempted like as we ... " (Hebrews 4:15) " In the body of His flesh through death ... " (Colossians 1:22) "... being put to death in the flesh ... " (1 Peter 3:18) "... new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh. " (Hebrews 10:20) "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened : burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required." (Psalms 40:6)	" For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. " (Matthew 27:18) "Why, what evil hath he done?" (Matthew 27:23) "The said Pilate "I find no fault in this man." (Luke 23:4) " "in him is no sin." (1 John 3:5) " [who is] holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners " (Hebrews 7:26)
David acknowledges his flesh heritage in the Psalms 51 "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity ; and in sin did my mother conceive me. " (Psalms 51:5) [Jesus is called the "son of David", the "son of Abraham"] "... by the body of Christ ... " (Romans 7:4) [we are dead] "... members of His body, and of His flesh, and of His bones. " (Ephesians 5:30) "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. " (Galatians 5:24) "... in the days of His flesh ... " (Hebrews 5:7) "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh , yet now henceforth know we him no more." (2 Corinthians 5:16) " Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came , who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen." (Romans 9:5) "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant , and was made in the likeness of men " (Philippians 2:7) "... Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed , that henceforth we should not serve sin." (Romans 6:6) " Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree , that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24) "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. " (1 John 4:2) "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God : and this is that [spirit] of antichrist , whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (1 John 4:3) "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. " (2 John 1:7) ...there are many "... not discerning the Lord's body. " (1 Corinthians	"Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." (John 9:31) "I find in him no fault [at all]." (John 18:38) "I find no fault in him." (John 19:6) "who knew no sin" (2 Corinthians 5:21) " this man hath done nothing amiss. " (Luke 23:41) "what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him" (Luke 23:22)
	"Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him." (Luke 23:14) " the innocent blood " (Matthew 27:4) "Have thou nothing to do with that just man" (Matthew 27:19)
	"I am innocent of the blood of this just person" (Matthew 27:24) "I have kept my Father's commandments" (John 15:10) " Io, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. " (Luke 23:15)
	"But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none." (Matthew 26:60) "Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man." (Luke 23:47)
	"I find no fault in him." (John 19:4)
	"the obedience of one" (Romans 5:19)
	"without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)
	"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:" (1 Peter 2:22)
	"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God." (Hebrews 9:4)
	"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the

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11:29)	obedience of one shall many be made righteous. (Romans 5:19) "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalms 40:8)				
"... my flesh shall rest in hope ..." (Acts 2:26)	"... A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master ..." (Malachi 1:6)				
"... his soul [being/person] was not left in the grave, neither his flesh did see corruption ..." (Acts 2:31)	Jesus was in the same likeness of sinful flesh as we, yet living without sin, never having sinned, never once transgressed the Holy Law of God; Jesus showed that with God there is no excuse for sin and thus "... condemned sin in the flesh." (Romans 8:3)				
"Who shall change our vile body , that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. " (Philippians 3:21)	Because Christ Jesus was victorious in the same fallen "flesh" , so too can we, by the Holy Spirit, and "overcome" "even as" He "overcame" (Revelation 3:21)				
"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once [for all]. " (Hebrews 10:10)	"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (1 John 3:3)				
"... our hands have handled, of the Word of life. " (1 John 1:1)	To be born with sinful flesh is not to be born a transgressor/sinner. To transgress God's Law (1 Jhn. 3:4; Rom. 7:7; Jam. 2:8-12) is to be a sinner, not born with sinful flesh. The flesh (sinful) Jesus came with is important to the Everlasting Gospel (Genesis 3:15; Revelation 14:6-7, &c), and how He saves us from sin (Matthew 1:21; not in it). There is a system of religion (spirit of Antichrist) on earth which teaches that Jesus could not sin ("Impeccability"), and that He was born in unfallen flesh of Mary ("Immaculate Conception") because it teaches that to be born with fallen flesh is to automatically be a 'sinner' ("Original Sin"), and it has many daughters that teach the same in its essentials, though they may differ in the details. This is "antichrist".				
"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. (Romans 7:18)					
"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity , even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;" (Ephesians 2:15)					
" In the body of his flesh through death , to present you holy and unblameable and unreprovable in his sight;" (Colossians 1:22)					

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(A) It would be a "little horn" and come up among and arise after the ten horns of the ten-horned beast with 'iron teeth' [Daniel 2:40-41, 7:7-8] rising up out of the sea (peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues) [Revelation 13:1] and would rule over them [Revelation 17:1,15]	(B) It would rule for 1,260 prophetic days/literal Years, (being also signified as a time, times and ½ times), 3 ½ prophetic years), 42 prophetic months, as given 7 times in scripture and then receive what seemed to be a deadly mortal wound [Daniel 7:25, 12:7; Revelation 11:2-3, 12:6,14, 13:5; Luke 21:24]	(C) It would have a mouth speaking blasphemy (as defined by scripture, 'claiming to forgive sins', 'claiming to have the prerogatives or be in the place of God on this earth', a persecuting crusader, a "blasphemer") & exalted words against & in place of The Most High God [Dan. 7:8,25; Rev. 13:5-6, 17:5; John 10:33; Mark 2:7; Luke 5:21; 1 Tim. 1:13, 2:5]	(D) It would deny that Jesus is the Christ (Anointed) by replacing Him with another [1 John 4:3; "Anti" means "against" or "in the place of"] in what it proclaims [1 John 2:22], being yet "lawless"/"wicked" (without the True Laws of God) and promoting self-righteousness, for it thought to change the "times" and "laws" of God [2 Thessalonians 2:8]	(E) There would be more than one individual in its time [1 John 2:18] as its head, a "man of sin" [2 Thessalonians 2:3]. It would not desire others, lifting itself above all that is called God or that is worshipped [2 Thessalonians 2:4] and who forbids marriage and has other non-biblical forced abstentions [Daniel 11:37; 1 Timothy 4:1-3]	(F) It would exist from the time it appears until the very end when its dominion is taken away by God Himself [Daniel 7:22,26; 2 Thessalonians 2:8] and has a "mark" which is in opposition to the "seal of God" [Revelation 16:2; 19:20]
(G) It would begin as a "little horn" power/kingdom in smallness but it would grow into a worldwide power, a "universal" power, and become more stout than those 10 horns/kingdoms before it [Daniel 7:20,23; Revelation 13:3, 17:18]	(H) Another power, which itself had come from, would at first hold it in check in its infancy, but after this other power was taken out of the way it would be revealed [2 Thessalonians 2:1-12] and which did not remain true to the Gospel [1 John 2:19]	(I) It would sit in (heis: towards or among) the Temple of God [1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16], ruling over the people of God [2 Thessalonians 2:4], yet claiming to be of God, yet it is a "son of perdition", just as Judas was [2 Thessalonians 2:3]	(J) It exists as its own great city which sits among 7 mountains and who is rich, and decked with "gold" and "pearls" and costly array, even "purple" and "scarlet", having a "golden cup in her hand" [Revelation 17:4,9,18, 18:12,16]	(K) It would receive, in one of its heads, something like a deadly or mortal wound, though itself would not be killed (a removal of states powers/authority; AD 1798) [Revelation 13:3]	(L) It would receive what seemed like a deadly mortal wound around the same time (at the end of the 1260 years) that the Beast with the two Lamb-like horns, no crowns, but yet spake like a dragon is arising in power from the "earth" [Revelation 13:11]
(M) A persecuting power, wearing out Saints of Most High God, while it claims "peace" (Gospel; Luke 2:14) [Dan. 7:21,25, 8:25; Rev. 17:6,14]	(N) That which looked like a deadly mortal wound would be healed [Revelation 13:3]	(O) It would cause or require the world to worship it, and control buying and selling, being a Kingdom both religious & political [Rev. 13:8, 14:9]	(P) It would deny that Jesus came in the likeness of sinful (fallen) flesh by teaching sinless flesh [1 John 4:3; 2 John 1:7]	(Q) It is diverse (different) than the other ten before it; being Religious/Political [Daniel 7:24, 8:23]	(R) It would uproot three kingdoms/horns of the ten horns as it arises [Daniel 7:8,20]
(S) The Dragon [Satan working through this power, Rome] would give it its power and great authority [Rev. 13:2]	(T) Carries attributes of the Lion, Bear, Leopard, and Terrible Beast with Iron Teeth [Rev. 13:2]	(U) It would be clearly seen in power amidst the division of the Iron Kingdom [Daniel 7:7,8]	(I) It would think to change the "times" and "laws" of the Most High God [Dan. 7:25; Exo. 20:8-11; Pro. 24:21] SABBATH	(W) It is classified as a "woman" which has many "harlot daughters" that came from her and carry her teachings [Rev. 17:5]	(X) Has a human leader as its spokesman (head) with "eyes" and "mouth of a man" [Daniel 7:8,25]
(Y) It would cause many to be drunk with fermented Wine (symbol for corruption of Biblical principles) [Rev. 17:2, 4], be fallen, fallen and has refused to repent of "her" sins & fornication [Rev. 2:21], becoming the hold of every foul and unclean spirit [Rev. 18:2]			(Z) It also has a number "666" ["χξζ"] which may be "counted", the number of a man, being its head, the "man of sin" [2 Thess. 2:3], it is his number [Rev. 13:18]		

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EVENT	CHRIST JESUS	ANTI CHRIST (Head, & Body (individual, and members))
Existed before in Heaven, before coming to earth	"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." (Jhn. 8:58) (Psa. 90:2, 93:2; Mic. 5:2; &c)	"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer ..." (Isa. 14:12) (Rev. 12:7, &c)
a "mystery" surrounds his Gospel	"mystery of Godliness" (1 Tim. 3:16) (Rom. 11:25; Eph. 6:19; Rev. 10:7)	"mystery of iniquity" (2 Thes. 2:7) (false Gospels (Gal. 1:6-9), Rev. 17:5 "MYSTERY")
30 Year period	"And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age ..." (Luk. 3:23)	AD 508 to AD 538, is 30 years, the difference in starting points of the 1,290/1,335 and 1,260 years prophecies (Dan. 7:25, 12:7,11-12; Rev. 11:1-2, 12:6,14, 13:5; Luk. 21:24) https://archive.org/details/awhn-2300-day-years-prophecy-of-daniel-8-vs-14-and-its-sub-parts
Had a 3 1/2 Year timeframe that is spoken of in the prophecy of Scripture, that came after the 30 year period	"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease ..." (Dan. 9:27) (Heb. 2:3; Rom. 15:8)	AD 538 to AD 1798, is 1,260 Years, or 3 1/2 prophetic times (Eze. 4:6; Num. 14:34) (Dan. 7:25, 12:7,11-12; Rev. 11:1-2, 12:6,14, 13:5; Luk. 21:24)
At the end of that 3 1/2 Year timeframe*, He was taken captive the Head of a Body was killed by the State, and by very zealous people who cared not what God wanted	"Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. ..." (Mat. 26:50) (Mat. 26:46-57; Mar. 14:42-53; Luk. 22:47-54; Jhn. 18:2-13)	in AD 1798, a Pope taken captive (the end of the 1,260 and 1,290 in Daniel) (Dan. 7:25, 12:7,11-12; Rev. 11:1-2, 12:6,14, 13:5; Luk. 21:24) "In 1798 the French republican army under General Berthier took possession of the city of Rome, and entirely superseded the whole papal power. This was a deadly wound ..." – Methodist Adam Clarke Bible commentary on Daniel 7:25
after a period of time would pass, the Head of the Body was to live again	"And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him." (Mar. 16:6) (Jhn. 20:9; Act. 26:23, &c)	"... the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." (Rev. 13:12) ("deadly wound" would eventually become healed and life would be given [Dan. 11:40[b.]; Rev. 13:3,12, 17:11) "... For this expedition for Berthier's entry into Rome and the proclamation of the Roman Republic (10-15 February, 1798), and for the captivity of Pius VI, who was carried off a prisoner to Valence, see PIUS VI [died in exile, see "(29 Aug., 1799)"] ..." – Roman Catholic Encyclopedia; Online, section "N", "Napoleon I (Bonaparte)" – https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10687a.htm "... The new pope (Barnaba Niccolò Maria Luigi Chiaramonti) was crowned (Papier-mâché Triple Tiara) as Pius VII on 21 March, 1800, at Venice. ..." – Roman Catholic Encyclopedia, section "P", "Pope Pius VII" – https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12132a.htm "... The Concordat with the Holy See was signed on 17 July, 1801 ..." – Roman Catholic Encyclopedia; Online, section "N", "Napoleon I (Bonaparte)" – https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10687a.htm Thus the Deadly wound to the Papacy, in it's state powers, given by Secular Humanism of atheistically led France, was already, 3 'prophetic days' (3 Years) later (1798-1800/1801 (inclusive/exclusive), being resurrected from the 'political grave', just as Jesus was raised in 3 days. Some have incorrectly taught that AD 1929 with the representative of the Roman Catholic Church signing of the Lateran Treaty (Concordat in the Lateran Palace; for Pope Pius XI by Cardinal Secretary Pietro Gasparri) with Benito Mussolini (Italian Dictator) was the healing of the deadly wound, but this is not so! The AD 1929 Concordat was the end result of the AD 1870 removal of the Papal States (Lazio (Rome), Marche, Umbria, Romagna & portions of Emilia; which had existed since at least the 8th century!) 60 years earlier (only a part of the great healing still going on).
part of His many titles, would include partly, "Christ ...", "Rock ...", "Foundation ...", "... Root ...", "... Branch ...", "Prince ...", "Son ...", "Father ...", [having "children ..."], "King", "Lord ..." and "God ..."	Christ: Mat. 1:1, etc.; Rock: 1 Cor. 10:4, etc.; Foundation: 1 Cor. 3:11; Root: Rev. 5:5, 22:16; Branch: Jer. 23:5, 33:15; Zec. 3:8, 6:12; Prince: Dan. 8:11,25, 9:25, 10:13,21, 11:22, 12:1; Isa. 9:6; Act. 3:15, 5:31; Rev. 1:5; Son: Mat. 16:16, etc.; Father: Isa. 9:6, 8:18, Heb. 2:13; King: Mat. 2:2, etc.; Lord [LORD]: 1 Cor. 12:3, etc.; God: Tit. 2:13, etc	"... Christ ..." [“anointed”; Eze. 28:14; 1 Jhn. 2:18,22, 4:3; 2 Jhn. 1:7], "Rock ..." [Deut. 32:31,37]; "Foundation ..." [Job 22:16; Jer. 51:24-26]; "... Root ..." [Mal. 4:1]; "... Branch ..." [Isa. 14:19; Mal. 4:1]; "Prince ..." [Mat. 9:34, 12:24; Mar. 3:22; Jhn. 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; Eph. 2:2, 6:12; Col. 1:16, 2:15; Jud. 1:6]; "Son ..." [“son of perdition” Jhn. 17:12; 2 Thes. 2:3]; "Father ..." [Jhn. 8:44] [having "children ..." [“children of disobedience” Eph. 2:2, 5:6; Col. 3:6]; "child of the devil" Act. 13:10], "King ..." [Rev. 9:11], "Lord ..." [“Baal” Num. 22:41, ... Rom. 11:4] and "God ..." [“god of this world” 2 Cor. 4:4; "I am God" Eze. 28:9]
would go down to Egypt	"When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt." (Hos. 11:1) (Mat. 2:13-15, 19-21)	"... [v.42] the land of Egypt ... [v.43] he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt." (Dan. 11:42-43) (Egypt represents the world & worldliness – earthliness – secular humanism (atheism), Gen. 41:56; Exo. 5:2,9, 10:15; Isa. 31:1; Dan. 11:40-43; Rev. 11:8)
would enter Jerusalem & Glorious Land	"And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple ..." (Mar. 11:11) (Mat. 19:1; Jhn. 3:22, &c)	"He shall enter also into the glorious land ..." (Dan. 11:42) (Dan. 11:41,45, as it even now is conquering secular humanism/atheism (they declared war in AD 2013) Pope Benedict XVI goes to war with 'atheist extremism' Sam Jones, John Hooper and Tom Kington Thursday 16 September 2010 15.08 EDT - http://www.theguardian.com/world/2010/sep/16/pope-benedict-xvi-atheist-extremism ***** Is the Vatican declaring war on U.S. secularism?

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		<p>Published Tuesday, December 6, A.D. 2011 By The Motley Monk - http://the-american-catholic.com/2011/12/06/34243/</p> <p>AD 2013 - July 4th; Francis I [the Jesuit, Jorge Bergoglio], Benedict XVI [Master of the Office of the Inquisition; Joseph Ratzinger] invoke their weapon of war, just as type foretold (Caiphas and Annas, Luk. 3:2; after the tower in Siloam fell; Luk. 13:4, as our 9 (Sept.) 11th 2001), about to finish the King of the South off [6th Head, the Beast from the bottomless pit of Rev. 11], Secular Humanism/Atheism as ruling power, and the false reliance of Israel, to turn over into the Healing of the deadly wound of the First Beast of Rev. 13:1, when persecution arises in the USA.)</p> <p>On July 4th 2013, posted 7/6/2013</p> <p>Defend Us in Battle: Benedict XVI and Pope Francis Consecrate the Vatican to Michael the Archangel</p> <p>“... “We consecrate Vatican City State to St. Michael Archangel, asking him to defend us against evil and to banish it,” the Pope said ...”</p> <p>“... The Catholic Church often speaks in symbols. They open up for us, in a way which words fail, the true reality. ...”</p> <p>“... Friday, July 4, 2013, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis appeared together. That fact alone should have garnered the attention of the media.</p> <p>The media in the United States is in a pause for the celebration of Independence Day. In addition, the western media in general is not only asleep but dismissive of the relevance of such an act due to a blindness which accompanies the descent into materialist hedonism underway in the West. ...”</p> <p>“... The fact that the “two Popes” joined one another in an act of consecration of the Vatican to St. Michael the Archangel speaks beyond the current Pope’s affirmation ... It reveals the realities of the prophetic moment in which they both feel we are in. It is an invitation to all of us to enter into spiritual warfare.</p> <p>In 1886 Pope Leo XIII added a prayer seeking the intercession of St Michael the Archangel which was recited at the end of every low Mass.”</p> <p>“... [This was in] response to an encounter the Pope had in prayer. In that experience he saw that the Devil had unleashed a furious assault on Christ’s Church. He wanted the Church to take up spiritual arms and enter into the conflict. ...”</p> <p>“... acts of spiritual warfare ...”</p> <p>“... John Paul II regularly called the faithful back to seeking the assistance of Michael in the work of spiritual warfare. In 1994, he explicitly requested all of us to enter into the necessary spiritual warfare our age requires. ...”</p> <p>“... Pope Leo XIII certainly had a very vivid recollection of this ...”</p> <p>“... Archangel defend us in battle... help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world. (Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli, 24 April 1994)”</p> <p>“... Friday, July ... 2013, with the appearance of the “Two Popes”, is a symbol of the importance placed by the successors of Peter on the faithful not only discerning the underlying spiritual warfare of this age but taking our place in the field of battle.</p> <p>“... spiritual warfare....”</p> <p>“... Our “two Popes” have invoked the big weapon in the current age of spiritual warfare. They have invited us to do the same. ...” - https://johnib.wordpress.com/2013/07/06/defend-us-in-battle-benedict-xvi-and-pope-francis-consecrate-the-vatican-to-michael-the-archangel/</p> <p>http://www.catholic.org/news/international/europe/story.php?id=51602</p>
would sit/ride atop a beast	<p>“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.” (Zec. 9:9) (Mat. 21:5,7; Mar. 11:7; Luk. 19:35; Jhn. 12:15)</p>	<p>“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.” (Rev. 17:3)</p> <p>Symbol: “a woman” = God’s people - flock - church - and the city in which they reside; in this instance an impure or unclean or harlot/whorish woman, is an unfaithful or apostate church & city (Gen. 38:24; Psa. 122:3; Jer. 3:1,6,8,14,20, 6:2; Isa. 47:5, 51:16; 54:5-6, 61:10, 62:5; Eze. 16:28, 23:5,19; Hos. 1:2, 2:2,5; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:23-32; 1 Pet. 2:5; Rev. 3:12, 17:18, 19:7, 21:2-3,9)</p> <p>Symbol: “a beast” = state authority, government, political body, kingdom, dominion (Psa. 74:13,14; Dan. 7:6,12,17,23, 8:4; Isa. 5:29, 27:1; Eze. 17:3,7, 29:3,4,5, 32:2,3,4,9, 34:8,13; Jer. 4:7, 48:40, 49:22, 50:17; Joe. 1:6; Rev. 13:1, 16:10, 17:3,7,8,11,12, 19:19,20, 20:4,10; &c)</p> <p>Symbol: “a woman riding a beast” = a church/city in control of or directing the state authority, an amalgamation of church/state</p> <p>On the LATERAN (ROMAN) CHURCH: “SACROS LATERAN ECCLES OMNIVM VRBIS ET ORBIS ECCLESIARVM MATER ET CAPVT”</p>

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		Cardinal Hans Urs von Balthasar identified the Catholic Church as "Casta Meretrix".
would enter the Temple of God	"And Jesus went into the temple of God ..." (Mat. 21:12) (Mat. 24:1, 26:55; Mar. 11:11,15, 12:35; Jhn. 7:14,28, 8:20, 18:20; &c)	"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (2 Thes. 2:4) (Dan. 11:45; Act. 20:27-31; 2 Thes. 2:4; 1 Cor. 3:16,17, 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; 2 Thes. 2:7; 1 Pet. 2:5; Rev. 3:12; &c.)
He would have followers of many kinds of people	"... behold, the world is gone after him." (Jhn. 12:19) (Mat. 4:25, 8:18; Jhn. 12:9,19, &c)	[Follow naturally] "But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps." (Dan. 11:43) [Follow Spiritually] "... all the world wondered after the beast." (Rev. 13:3) "Catholic" means "universal" or world-wide (whole world)
would have "sheep" or a flock	"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." (Jhn. 10:14) (Psa. 77:20, 80:1; Eze. 34:11,12,31; Luk. 15:6; Jhn. 10:3,14,27, 21:15,16,17, &c)	"Woe to the idol shepherd ..." (Zec. 11:17) (Zec. 11:15-17; Jhn. 10:26)
would be seen above the "waters"	"... they see Jesus walking on the sea ..." (Jhn. 6:19) (Job 9:8; Psa. 29:3; Mat. 14:25-33; Mar. 6:48-51; Jhn. 6:19-21 [see also Gen. 1:2])	"... the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:" (Rev. 17:1) (Rev. 17:1,15; Isa. 14:14-15; Jer. 51:13)
would speak "dark sayings"	Psa. 49:4, 78:2; Pro. 1:6; Eze. 17:2; Mat. 13:34; Mar. 4:13,34, "mystery[ies]" Mat. 13:11; Mar. 4:11; Luk. 8:10; Rom. 11:25, 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7, 4:1, 13:2, 14:2, 15:51; Eph. 1:9, 3:3,4,9, 5:32, 6:19; Col. 1:26,27, 2:2, 4:3; 2 Thes. 2:7; 1 Tim. 3:9,16; Rev. 1:20, 10:7, 17:5,7. "riddle" in Num. 12:8; Jdg. 14:12-19. "hard questions" in 1 Kin. 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:1. "...take up a parable ... a taunting proverb..." Hab. 2:6;p. To speak proverbs is to speak symbols, Jhn. 16:29 "His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.", thus, Pro. 25:2 "[it is] the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings [is] to search out a matter."	"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." (Dan. 8:23) (Dan. 8:23; Rom. 16:18)
would do many "miracles"	"And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?" (Jhn. 7:31)	"To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God." (Act. 8:10) (Act. 8:10,11; Rev. 13:14, 16:14, 19:20; see also 2 Tim. 3:8; see also Job, &c) [Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe; P. Pio, &c] "... of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries." (Act. 8:11)
take up a War, or a Great Controversy	"The LORD [JEHOVAH] is a man of war: the LORD [JEHOVAH] is his name." (Exo. 15:3) "... for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh ..." (Jer. 25:31) (Exo. 15:3; Isa. 42:13; Jer. 25:31; Hos. 4:1, 12:2; Mic. 6:2; Luk. 14:32; Rev. 17:14)	"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;" (Dan. 7:21) And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. " (Rev. 19:19) (Dan. 7:21,24,25, 8:10,11, 9:26; Rev. 13:4, 17:14, 19:19)
would come with the "spirit"	"Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow." (1 Pet. 1:11) ("spirit of Christ", Rom. 8:9; 1 Pet. 1:11)	"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (1 Jhn 4:3)
would deny "the flesh"	"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Mat 4:4) (Mat. 4:1-11, 26:39,42; Luk. 4:1-13, 22:42; Php. 2:8; Rev. 12:11)	"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (1 Jhn. 4:3) (Mat. 1:1-23; Luk. 3:23-38; Rom. 1:3, 8:3; Heb. 2:16-18; 1 Jhn. 4:2,3; 2 Jhn. 1:7)
a day would come when he would be "revealed"	"to come and/or arrive" "erchomai" "ἔρχομαι" Matt. 24:30, 26:64; John 14:3; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 1:7, "to appear visibly" "optanomai" "όπτανομαι" Heb. 9:28, "to return" "analyō" "ἀναλύω" Luke 12:36, "to reveal" "apokalypsis" "ἀποκάλυψις" 2 Thess. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:7; Luke 17:29-30, "to manifest" "epiphaneia" "ἐπιφάνεια" 1 Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:8; Tit. 2:13, "make manifest" "phaneroō" "φανερώ" 1 Pet. 5:4, "come" "hēkō" "ῆκω" Rev. 2:25, "to return" "hypostrephō" "ὑποστρέψω" Luke 19:12.	"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;" (2 Thes. 2:3) (2 Thes. 2:6,8)
A question surrounds him, "Who is like unto... him?"	MICHAEL (Who is like unto God?) "Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high," (Psa. 113:5) (Dan. 12:1; Exo. 15:11; 1 Ki. 8:23; Psa. 71:19; see also Deut. 33:26; 2 Chr. 6:14; Job 36:22; Psa.	"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" (Rev. 13:4)

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	35:10, 86:8, 89:8, 113:5; Jer. 10:6-7; Mic. 7:18)	
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QUESTION: WHEN WOULD THE ANTICHRIST ARISE? BEFORE THE DIVISION OF THE PAGAN ROMAN EMPIRE OR AFTER ITS DIVISION, AND HOW LONG WOULD IT/HE EXIST?

[A.] 2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come **a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

2Th 2:4 **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.** (Paul is utilizing Daniel 11:37, which speaks to the timeframe after the division of the Pagan Roman Empire (AD 476), as Daniel says)

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now **ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.**

2Th 2:7 For **the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.**

2Th 2:8 **And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

2Th 2:9 Even him, **whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

[B.] 1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1Ti 4:2 **Speaking lies in hypocrisy;** having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1Ti 4:3 **Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.** (Roman Catholicism's priest-class are forbidden to marry, and they also forbid certain foods for Lent, and at other liturgical times.)

[C.] Dan 7:3 And **four great beasts came up from the sea**, diverse one from another.

Dan 7:4 **The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings:** I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

Dan 7:5 And **behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth** of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

Dan 7:6 After this I beheld, and **to another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads;** and dominion was given to it.

Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and **behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth:** it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and **it had ten horns.**

Dan 7:8 **I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, **in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.**

Dan 7:11 I beheld then because of **the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.**

Dan 7:25 And **he shall speak great words against the most High**, and **shall wear out the saints of the most High**, and **think to change times and laws:** and **they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.** (AD 538 - AD 1798; 1,260 years)

Dan. 2 Symbol / Meaning	Dan. 7 Symbol / Meaning	Dan. 8 Symbol / Meaning	Dan. 11 History	Rev. 12 Symbol / Meaning	Rev. 13 Sym. / Mean.	Rev. 17 Symbol/ Meaning
image's head was of fine gold Daniel 2:32,35,38 Thou, O king [Neb. II], art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom [Babylon] ... head of gold. Daniel 2:37-38, 7:3-4,17, 8:1; Isaiah 13:19, 14:4	Lion Daniel 7:4 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions ... this Nebuchadrezzar [Neb. II] king of Babylon ... Jeremiah 50:17; Revelation 13:1-2	Dan. 8:1 --- Time of Babylon	(Transition ing) Dan. 10:1-21, 11:1	1 Head Rev. 12:3 Babylon (past)	Babylon (past)	[1, fallen] Babylon (king (Dan. 2:37), 1 head, Lion; Dan. 7:4), 605 - 538 BC, origin in Nimrod, Babel years before. Confusion, MYSTERY religion.
breast and his arms of silver Daniel 2:32,35 after thee shall arise another kingdom [Medo-Persia] inferior ... Daniel	Bear (3 ribs) Daniel 7:5 Ram (3 directions, westward, northward, southward; Medo-Persia) (Babylon (Belshazzar),	Ram (two horns) (3 directions) (great) Dan. 8:2-4 Medo-Persia Dan. 8:20	Medo-Persia Dan. 11:1-2	1 Head Rev. 12:3 Medo-Persia (past)	Medo-Persia (past)	[2, fallen] Medo-Persia (king, 1 head, Bear; Dan. 7:5, or 1 head, Ram; Dan. 8:3-4), 538 - 331 BC. Infallibility (Est. 1:19; Dan. 6:8,12,15).

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continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus. Daniel 2:39, 1:21, 5:25-31, 6:1,8, 7:5, 8:2-4,13-14,20,26, 9:25, 10:1-21, 11:1-2; Isaiah 21:2	Lydia (King Croesus), Egypt (Pharaoh)) Daniel 8:4,20; Revelation 13:2					
his belly and his thighs of brass Daniel 2:32,35 and another third kingdom [Grecia] of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. Daniel 2:39, 7:6, 8:5-8,21-22, 10:20, 11:2-19; Ezekiel 27:13 (Javan = Greece)	Leopard (4 head division) Daniel 7:6 He-Goat, Great Horn (4 lesser horns division; Grecia) (Alexander III the Great; Ptolemy, Seleucus (& Antiochus), Cassander, Lysimachus) Daniel 8:5,21-22, 10:20, 11:2-19; Revelation 13:2	He-Goat (notable horn) (from West) (very great) (divided into 4) Dan. 8:5-7,8 Grecia (division) Dan. 8:21-22	Grecia (division) Dan. 11:3, 4-19	4 Heads Rev. 12:3 Grecia (past)	Grecia (past)	[3, fallen] Greece (king (Dan. 8:21), 1 head (before becoming 4 lesser, Dan. 7:6, 8:8,22, 11:4), He-goat; Dan. 8:5,8,21, 11:3). 331 - 168 BC (Pydna). Men's wisdom (human "reason", "think"), philosophy, immortal soul theology.
His legs of iron Daniel 2:33,35 And the fourth kingdom [Pagan Rome] shall be strong as iron ... Daniel 2:40; Deuteronomy 28:48-58; Daniel 7:7,17,19,23, 8:9,23a., 11:20~; Deuteronomy 28:48-58	a Dreadful terrible beast Daniel 7:7-8 Little horn (Rome), king of fierce countenance (Pagan) Daniel 7:7,17,19,23, 8:9,23a., 11:20~; Deuteronomy 28:48-58	(little horn of winds) (horizontal) Dan. 8:9 Rome (Pagan) Dan. 8:23a	Rome (Pagan) (Divided) Dan. 11:20	1 Head Great Red Dragon, 7 Heads, 10 Horns Rev. 12:3 Rome (Pagan) (present for John) (crowns on heads)	Rome (Pagan) (past)	[4, fallen] Pagan Rome (king, 1 head, dreadful, terrible beast; Dan. Dan. 7:7,19, 8:23(a), "king ... of fierce countenance" (see Deut. 28:47-58); Rev. 12:3-4, "dragon", 168 BC - AD 476 (Romulus Augustus), divided into "10" (wholly fractured, Dan. 2:40 7:7, 20,24, 11:20, "destroyed" (broken to pieces, but not by conquest)). Cruelty, unmerciful.
his feet part of iron and part of clay Daniel 2:33,35 the kingdom [Rome] shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron (& clay, Papal) Daniel 2:41-45, 11:21~	Ten horns Daniel 7:7-8,20,24 Divided , Church (tabernacle) & State (palace) (Rome Papal) Daniel 8:10-14,23b., 11:21-45, 12:1-3	(little horn of winds) (vertical) Dan. 8:10-14,26 Rome (Papal) Dan. 8:23b	Rome (unto Papal) Dan. 11:21-39	10 horns Rev. 12:6,13-17 Rome (divided) (future for John) (persecution) (wilderness period for church, 1,260 years; AD 538- AD 1798) (present at time of Rev. 13)	Beast of the Sea, 7 Heads, 10 Horns, Crowns on Horns (division of Rome, ruling) (Papacy given power) (present at time of Rev. 13) Rev. 13:1-2	[5, fallen] Papal Rome, Religious Humanism (king (Rev. 9:11), 1 head, Man of sin, son of perdition; Dan. 7:8,20, 8:23(b king ... understanding dark sentences (sayings (Psa. 78:2; Pro. 1:6, &c), parables, religious matters), Dan. 11:21, "vile person" (see Isa. 32:6); 2 Thes. 2:3, the Judas antitype, Jhn. 17:12; the antichrist; Rev. 2:20-22, 13:1-10, 16:13, "beast"). Deadly wound, AD 1798 (AD 538 - 1798, Dan. 7:25, 12:7; Rev. 11:1-2, 12:6,14, 13:5; Luk. 21:24). Counterfeit, antichrist, apostasy (2 Thes. 2:3, "falling away", 1 Tim. 4:1, "departing"). Franks ('French', help it militarily, sword in its hand).
Ten Toes (Miry Clay & Iron) (Church & State)	Ten horns (division)	--- Deadly Wound of Papacy (AD 1798) by France, Alexander Berthier (loss of state) (church remains)	Push (gore, Deadly Wound of Papacy by France, Alexander Berthier) Daniel 11:40	10 horns Rev. 12:3 Rome (divided) (future for John)	Deadly Wound to Sea Beast (Papacy) by Beast from Pit (France) Rev. 13:3,12	[6, is] Secular Humanism (aka atheism, France (1 head; beast of pit, Rev. 11:7), gives deadly wound (Rev. 13:3,12), AD 1798. Rebellion & licentiousness, spirit of Egypt (Exo. 5:2,9; Pro. 30:9; Rev. 11:8). Sword of State turns on Papacy (Mat. 26:52). One is.
Ten Toes (Miry Clay & Iron) (Church & State)	Ten horns (division)	--- Rise of the Beast from the Earth (Apostate Protestantism) 2 Horns like a Lamb (Christianity, outwardly) Speaks like a Dragon (satan), inwardly (no crowns) (No King, No Pope)	Rise of Apostasy, overthrowing Secular Humanism Dan. 11:41-45, 12:1-3	10 horns Rev. 12:3 Rome (divided) (future for John)	Rise of the Beast from the Earth (USA) Originally aided by France, but by AD 1798 France was no longer needed Rev. 13:11-18	[7, not yet at the time of Rev. 17] Apostate protestantism, USA (king (Rev. 13:12), beast out of the earth (Rev. 13:11-18), false prophet (Rev. 16:13, 19:20, 20:10), harlots (false doctrine, in faith & practice, churches; Rev. 2:23, 17:5). Lying spirit, form of godliness, but denying power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5), deceived & deceiving (2 Tim. 3:13). France help rise to power, but by AD 1798, it loses favour. Aids the 5th (who is of the 7), back to life, becomes the final 8th. Ten horns = United Nations (whole, all kings of earth, sitting on head 7, U.S.), also counterfeit 10 laws (horns = power, authority; so rule of satan, sin).
Ten Toes (Miry Clay & Iron) (Church & State)	Ten horns (division)	Ten Horns (attempt unity under 8th)	Jesus stands (Special Resurrection) 2nd Advent Dan. 11:44-45, 12:1-3	10 horns Dragon (satan) wars on church Rev. 12:17 Rome (divided) (future for John)	Image (Church & State union in USA) to the Beast (Papacy) NSL Rev. 13:12,15	[8th, even of the 7, #5] Revived Papacy (with sword of the U.S.), triumvirate (Dragon, beast, false prophet, Rev. 16:13) (1 head, satan, Psa. 94:20). Total tyranny. Tree of the bad seed (Gen. 3:15) revealed, can now be cut down.

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Gen. 10. The second genealogical table after Gen. 5.

Nimrod, means rebellious, which is why the text says he was a mighty hunter "before" (meaning over against, opposite to, like candlestick in the sanctuary is before the table of shewbread, across from) the LORD.

He opposed the kingdom of God, setting up instead an earthly kingdom, that was to unite all peoples under one fallible human leader. The last kingdom of satan (Rev. 17, even the 8th), will attempt to complete this same goal (Rev. 12:13,17).

In the beginning the serpent (dragon), that most subtle (Gen. 3:1) "beast" had only 1 head, but by the time we see satan's fullness (Psa. 37:35) of kingdom (7, symbol of fullness, complete, finished, Ge. 2:1-3), it had 7 heads (Rev. 17:3,7 9-11), and is a counterfeit tree of light (counterfeit sanctuary 7 branch candlestick; Psa. 77:13) a tree corrupt tree of light (Mat. 3:10, 7:17-19, 12:33; Luk. 3:9, 6:43; Isa. 66:17), while its 8th is but a counterfeit of the resurrection of Christ Jesus, thus anti-christ (koine Greek, anti christos; Latin, vicarius christi (every pope, cardinal, archbishop, bishop, archdeacon, deacon & priest use that title) ... in the place of Christ, & against him, exalteth & opposeth; 2 Thes. 2:4). Out of this corrupt seed & root would bear 7 branches (Job 18:16; Mal. 4:1).

By the time John sees the wilderness period of the woman of Rev. 17 (aka deadly wound; Rev. 13:3,12, 17:3), 5 of those heads have already fallen, for each was not merely a "kingdom" (Dan. 7:23), but also rightly as "kings" (Dan. 7:17 KJB), ruling over other kingdoms (Dan. 2:37), each an "head" (Isa. 7:9) over vast 'body politic'.

"hunter" in Gen. 10 means to hunt beast (deer) or mankind (Saul hunts David), or spiritual (of heart). Nimrod as hunter, eats flesh, but devoured of other nations (peoples, aka 'beasts, (like Dan. 7 & 8, &c)), the first super power empire in the world, Babylon (confusion).

Madai = Medes, Javan = Greeks, Ham, Mizraim = Egypt, Heth = Hittites, Ashur = Assyria, Philistim = Philistines, Eber = (H)ebrews.

Days of Peleg (Gen. 10:25), earth divided, population & land, (ice of Noah's flood melt some) water rose, land bridges disappear. Type to Anti-type.

Daniel 7:1-28 Symbols	Revelation 13:1-10 Symbols	Daniel 7 & Revelation 13 Identity
saw (vision/dream) Daniel 7:1,2,5,6,7,9,11,13,21	saw (vision/dream) Revelation 13:1,2,3	Spirit of prophecy Revelation 1:2,9,10, 6:9, 12:11, 19:10
Sea Daniel 7:2,3	Sea Revelation 13:1	Many waters (peoples, nations) gathered together in one place Genesis 1:10; Isaiah 17:12-13; Revelation 17:15
1,260 Daniel 7:25	1,260 Revelation 13:5	1,260 years, 42 months, 3 ½ times Dan. 7:25, 12:7; Rev. 11:2-3, 12:6,14, 13:5; Luk. 21:24; Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:6
War Daniel 7:21	War Revelation 13:4,7	The Great Controversy continued from Heaven Daniel 9:26; Revelation 12:7-17
Saints Daniel 7:18,21,22,25,27	Saints Revelation 13:6,7,10	God's 10 Commandments and faith of Jesus keeping people (church) Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Revelation 14:7,12
Books Daniel 7:10	Book Revelation 13:8	Books of judgment, life Daniel 7:10, 12:1
Angels Daniel 7:10,13,16	Angels Revelation 13:7	God's heavenly ministering beings Psalms 104:4; Hebrews 1:7,14
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Son of man (Jesus; Lamb) Daniel 7:13,14	Lamb (Jesus) Revelation 13:8	Jesus John 1:29,36; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Revelation 6:16, 14:10
peoples, nations, languages Daniel 7:14,23,27	peoples, nations, languages Revelation 13:3,4,7,8	The world Revelation 10:11, 14:6
worship (times and laws of God) Daniel 7:25	worship (times and laws of God) Revelation 13:4,8	Sabbath, the 7th day, the Lord's day Gen. 2:1-3; Exo. 20:8-11; Isa. 58:13, 66:23; Mar. 2:27; Rev. 1:10, 10:6, 14:7,12
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7 heads-1 Lion, 1 Bear, 4 Leopard, 1 Beast Daniel 7:4-8,11,12,17,19,23	seven heads Revelation 13:1	1 Head of Babylon, 1 Head of Medo-Persia, 4 Heads of Grecia, 1 Head of Rome Daniel 7:4-8,11,12,17,19,23
ten horns Daniel 7:7-8,20,24	ten horns Revelation 13:1	Divided, Church (tabernacle) & State (palace) Daniel 2:41-45, 8:10-14,23b., 11:21-45, 12:1-3
kingdom Daniel 7:4-9,12,14,17,18,22,23,24,26,27	kingdom Revelation 13:1,2,7	Any political state of this earth Isaiah 60:12; Revelation 11:15, 17:12
a mouth speaking great things Daniel 7:8,11,20,25	mouth speaking great blasphemies Revelation 13:1,5,6	Claiming God's prerogatives, & to forgive sins in God's (Jesus') place, persecution Mark 2:7, 3:29, 9:3; Luke 5:21, 12:10; 1 Timothy 1:13

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little horn (mouth & eyes of man, war) Daniel 7:8,11,20,21,24,25	one of its heads (mouth & eyes, war) Revelation 13:3,5,6,7	King, kingdom Isaiah 7:8; Daniel 7:17, 8:21
Killed Daniel 7:11,26	Killed Revelation 13:10	Martyred for Jesus Acts 22:20; Revelation 2:13, 6:11, 20:4

The Roman Catholic Bible (Douay Rheims (Jesuit)) with notations and Roman Catholic Encyclopedia:

"... **Four great beasts**... Viz., **the Chaldean, Persian, Grecian, and Roman empires**. ..." - NEW ADVENT BIBLE: Daniel 7

"... **Another little horn**... **This is commonly understood of Antichrist**. ..." - NEW ADVENT BIBLE: Daniel 7

"... **A ram**... **The empire of the Medes and Persians**. ... **A he goat**... **The empire of the Greeks, or Macedonians**. Ibid. He touched not the ground... He conquered all before him, with so much rapidity, that he seemed rather to fly, than to walk upon the earth. -- Ibid. **A notable horn**... **Alexander the Great**. ..." - NEW ADVENT BIBLE: Daniel 8

"Daniel sees **a ram with two horns (the Medes and the Persians)** pushing victoriously towards the west, north and south, until it is struck by **a he-goat (the Greeks) with a great horn (Alexander)** between its eyes. **This great horn is soon broken in its turn, and gives place to four others (the Greek kingdoms of Egypt, Syria, Macedonia, and Thrace), from one of which grows out a "little horn"...**" - CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Book of Daniel - <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04621b.htm> ([Notation] ... The little horn is usually identified with Antiochus Epiphanes (b.c. 176-164), the persecutor of the Machabees; but he was the eighth, not the tenth of his line, and the explanations given of the 'three horns' displaced by him seem curiously forced. ...) and (The description of Antiochus Epiphanes is not particularly recognizable.) - <https://www.newadvent.org/bible/dan008.htm>

"... Few were more active in supporting Doctor Eck than **Sylvester Mazzolini de Prierio, master of the sacred palace. He had just published a work in which** he laid down that not only did the infallible decision of all controverted points belong to the pope alone, but that **the papal dominion was the fifth monarchy prophesied by Daniel**, and **the only true monarchy**; that **the pope was the first of all ecclesiastical princes, the father of all secular rulers, the chief of the world, and, essentially, the world itself (218)**. In another writing, he affirmed that **the pope is as much superior to the emperor, as gold is more precious than lead**; that **the pope may elect and depose both emperors and electors, establish and annul positive rights, and that the emperor, though backed by all the laws and nations of Christendom, cannot [193] decide the least thing against the pope's will**. Such was the voice that issued from the palace of the sovereign pontiff; such was the monstrous fiction which, combined with the scholastic doctrines, pretended to extinguish the dawning truth. If this fable had not been unmasked as it has been, and **even by learned men in the Romish communion**, there would have been neither true religion nor true history. **The papacy is not only a lie in the face of the Bible; it is so even in the face of the annals of all nations**. Thus the Reformation, by breaking its charm, emancipated not only the Church, but also kings and people. It has been said that the Reformation was a political work; in this sense it is true; but this is only a secondary sense. ..." - The History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, by J. H. Merle D'Aubigne, Volume 2, Book 6, Chapter 4, page 192-193 ((218) Caput orbis et consequenter orbis totus in virtute (De juridica et irrefragabili veritate Romanæ Ecclesiæ. Bibl. Max. xix, cap. iv.; "Master of the Sacred Palace" (Magister Sacri Palati), is the Pope's theologian - <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10039a.htm>; "Sylvester" - <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10095b.htm> ; full title - De juridica et irrefragabili veritate Romanæ Ecclesiæ Romanique Pontificis (Rome, 1520))

The Roman Catholic church calls herself the "mother and mistress of all Churches", and she is their "Mother", and not 'sister':

"The expression **"Church of Rome"**, it should be noted, though commonly applied by non-Catholics to the whole Catholic body, can only be used correctly in this secondary sense for the local diocese (or possibly the province) of **Rome, mother and mistress of all Churches**." - Latin Church, Catholic Encyclopedia; CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Latin Church - <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09022a.htm>

"It must be always clear that the one, holy, catholic and apostolic universal church is not the sister, but the mother of all the churches.", "It's evident that it would go against the faith to consider the [Catholic] church as 'one' way of salvation 'alongside' those represented by other religions." - Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger [later Pope Benedict XVI]; Article "Other churches are no sisters of ours, the Vatican insists", by Lloyd Rundle, Monday, 4 September 2000; Other churches are no sisters of ours, the Vatican insists - Europe, World - The Independent - <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/other-churches-are-no-sisters-of-ours-the-vatican-insists-699556.html>

"The term Mother Church, however, as applied to Rome, has a special significance as **indicating its headship of all churches**." - Filial (meaning daughter) Church, Catholic Encyclopedia; CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Filial Church - <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06072a.htm>

Roman Catholicism claims to have changed God's Law:

"... Now in the matter of Sabbath observance the Protestant rule of Faith is utterly unable to explain the substitution of the Christian Sunday for the Jewish Saturday. It has been changed. **The Bible still teaches that the Sabbath or Saturday should be kept holy. There is no authority in the New Testament for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday**. Surely it is an important matter. **It stands there in the Bible as one of the Ten Commandments of God. There is no authority in the Bible for abrogating this Commandment, or for transferring its observance to another day of the week**. For Catholics it is not the slightest difficulty. "All power is given Me in heaven and on earth; as the Father sent Me so I also send you," said our Divine Lord in giving His tremendous commission to His Apostles. "He that heareth you heareth Me." We have in the authoritative voice of the Church the voice of Christ Himself. **The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance to Sunday is proof positive of that fact. Deny the authority of the Church and you have no adequate or reasonable explanation or justification for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday** in the Third - Protestant Fourth - Commandment of God. ..." - The Catholic Record of London, Saturday, September 1st, 1923 edition, Ontario, Canada, Volume XLV, #2342, appearing on page 4, section "Sabbath Observance", Column 2, -- Editor -- Rev. James T. Foley, D.D. ... The CATHOLIC RECORD has been approved and recommended by Archbishops Falconio and Sbaretti, late Apostolic Delegates to Canada, the Archbishops of Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, and St. Boniface, the Bishops of London, Hamilton, Peterborough and Ogdensburg, N.Y., and the Clergy throughout the Dominion.", Column 1 - (**Complete**) <https://archive.org/details/bible-catholic-record-01> and (**Zoomed section**) <https://archive.org/details/bible-catholic-record-02>

"...yet **we find St. Cæsarius of Arles in the sixth century teaching that the holy Doctors of the Church had decreed that the whole glory of the Jewish Sabbath had been transferred to the Sunday, and that Christians must keep the Sunday holy in the same way** as the Jews had been commanded to keep holy the Sabbath Day. ... **From the eighth century the law began to be**

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"...But the [Roman Catholic] Church of God has in her wisdom ordained that the celebration of the Sabbath should be transferred to [counterfeit] "the Lord's day:" ..." [The Catechism of the Council of Trent; On The Third Commandment; pg 267] - <http://www.archive.org/stream/thecatechismofth00donouoft#page/n271/mode/2up/search/sabbath> and <http://www.archive.org/details/thecatechismofth00donouoft>

"... the Sabbath ... this commandment, ... is not fixed and unalterable, but is susceptible of change ..." [The Catechism of the Council of Trent published by command of Pope Pius The Fifth, translated into English by the Rev. J. Donovan, Professor, &c Royal College, Maynooth; Baltimore: Published by Lucas Brothers. No. 170 Market Street; Printed By James Young, Baltimore; On The Third Commandment; pg 264] - <http://www.archive.org/stream/thecatechismofth00donouoft#page/n269/mode/2up/search/sabbath>

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Kingdom Daniel 7:4-9,12,14,17,18,22,23,24,26,27	Kingdom Revelation 13:1,2,7	Any political state of this earth Isaiah 60:12; Revelation 11:15, 17:12
a mouth speaking great things Daniel 7:8,11,20,25	mouth speaking great blasphemies Revelation 13:1,5,6	Claiming God's prerogatives, & to forgive sins in God's (Jesus') place, persecution Mark 2:7, 3:29, 9:3; Luke 5:21, 12:10; 1 Timothy 1:13
little horn (mouth & eyes of man, war) Daniel 7:8,11,20,21,24,25	one of its heads (mouth & eyes, war) Revelation 13:3,5,6,7	King, kingdom Isaiah 7:8; Daniel 7:17, 8:21
Killed Daniel 7:11,26	Killed Revelation 13:10	Martyred for Jesus Acts 22:20; Revelation 2:13, 6:11, 20:4

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ENGLISH	Koine GREEK	LATIN
Antichrist	αντιχριστός (antichristos)	Vicarius Christi (also, Vicarius Filii Dei)

Listen to Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, SJ (Jesuit), speaking (writing) about the “pope”:

In English: **“All names which in the scriptures are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope.”** [Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, S.J. (Jesuit); *Disputationes de Controversiis Christianae Fidei aduersus hujus temporis Haereticos*; Tom. 2, “*Controversia Prima, De Conciliorum Auctoritate*”), Caput. 17, (1628 ed.) Vol. 1, pp. 266-translated]

In Latin: **“Secundo probatur ratione, in Scripturis fundata; nam omnia nomina, quae in Scripturis tribuuntur Christo, unde constat eum esse supra Ecclesiam, eadem omnia tribuuntur Pontifici.”** - http://cdigital.dgb.uani.mx/la/1080015572_C/1080015573_T2/1080015573_21.pdf

Roman Catholicism admits this definition in print, & every single ‘pope’, ‘cardinal’, ‘archbishop’, ‘bishop’, ‘priest’ are **‘Vicarius Christi’**, which is Latin of koine Greek (**Anti Christos**):

“... In composition anti has different meanings: ... **Antichrist** (Greek **Antichristos**). ... **The word Antichrist occurs only in the Johannine Epistles; but there are so-called real parallelisms to these occurrences in the Apocalypse, in the Pauline Epistles, and less explicit ones in the Gospels and the Book of Daniel.** ...” [Roman Catholic Online Encyclopedia; “A”; “Antichrist”] - <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01559a.htm>

“...**anti ... (in the place of...)**” [Roman Catholic Online Encyclopedia; “S”; “Sacrifice”] - <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13309a.htm>
“Vicar (Latin **vicarius**, from vice, “**instead of**”) ...” [Online Catholic Encyclopedia, Vicar] - <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15401a.htm>

“Vicar of Christ (Latin **Vicarius Christi**). ... thus, Innocent III appeals for his power to remove bishops to the fact that he is **Vicar of Christ** (cap. “*Inter corporalia*”, 2, “*De trans. ep.*”). ... and states that it is the Roman Pontiff who is “the successor of Peter and **the Vicar of Jesus Christ**” (cap. “*Licet*”, 4, *ibid.*). The title **Vicar of God** used for the pope by Nicholas III (c. “*Fundamenta ejus*”, 17, “*De elect.*”, in 6) is employed as an equivalent for **Vicar of Christ**” [Online Catholic Encyclopedia, Vicar of Christ] - <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15403b.htm>

“But since **We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty**, ...” [“*The Great Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII*”, Encyclical Letter June 20, 1894; *Praeclara Gratulationis Publicae - Papal Encyclicals*] - <https://www.papalencyclicals.net/Leo13/I3praec.htm>

“...It will be enough, however, to refer to the evidence contained in the epistles of St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, himself a disciple of the Apostles. In these epistles (about A.D. 107) he again and again asserts that the supremacy of the bishop is of Divine institution and belongs to the Apostolic constitution of the Church. He goes so far as to affirm that **the bishop stands in the place of Christ Himself**. ...” [Roman Catholic Online Encyclopedia; “C”; “Church”] - <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03744a.htm>

“...Supreme Pontiff, **Vicar of Jesus Christ** on earth...” [Roman Catholic Online Library; Church Documents; “*Ad Sinarum Gentem* (1954)”; Point 11.] - http://www.newadvent.org/library/docs_pi12ad.htm

“...We, indeed, to all men are the **Vicar of Christ, the Son of God**...” [Roman Catholic Online Library; Church Documents; “*In Plurimis* (1888)”; Point 2.] - http://www.newadvent.org/library/docs_le13ip.htm

“The Pope is of so great dignity and so **exalted** that **he is not a mere man**...the pope’s excellence and power are not only about heaven, terrestrial and infernal things, but he is also **above** angels...He is of such great dignity and power that **he occupies one and the same tribunal with Christ...the Pope is as it were God on earth**, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief of kings, having plenitude of power.” [Lucius Ferraris, in “*Prompta Bibliotheca Canonica, Juridica, Moralis, Theologica, Ascetica, Polemica, Rubristica, Historica*”, titled “Concerning the extent of Papal dignity, authority, or dominion and infallibility”; page 1823 internal pagination, “*Articulus VII*”] - <http://books.google.com/books?id=VYwsAAAAJAA&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false>

Roman Catholicism (belief, system of religion/theology) teaches that Jesus left “Peter” in His place.

QUESTION: WHO DID JESUS SAY HE WAS LEAVING IN HIS PLACE WHEN HE ASCENDED, A “MAN”, A “POPE”, “PETER”?

Joh_14:16 And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter**, that **he may abide with you for ever**;

Joh_14:26 But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh_15:26 But **when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me**:

Joh_16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **the Comforter** will not come unto you; but **if I depart, I will send him unto you**.

Joh_16:13 Howbeit **when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak**: and he will shew you things to come.

Luk_24:49 And, **behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you**: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Act_1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for **the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me**.

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place**.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came **a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting**.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

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Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Psa 133:1 A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psa 133:2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

Psa 133:3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

QUESTION: DIDN'T JESUS SAY THAT "PETER" WAS THE "ROCK" UPON WHICH HE WOULD BUILD HIS (CHRIST'S) CHURCH?

No. God, even Jesus is called (71 ref.+), "... the Rock, Chief and Precious Cornerstone, a Stone, a Living Stone, a Tried Stone, a Stone of Stumbling, a Rock of Offence, Head of the corner, Sure Foundation ...". Satan, in opposition to Jesus, speaking through fallen mankind, even claims to be the "rock" also, but he is the false rock, the false foundation, even as the principles of his Babylonian kingdom is a false foundation. Peter, is a small stone (particle of sand), who erred, and the devil overcame many times (Mat. 14:30-31, 16:23, 26:34,69-75; Mar. 8:33 (Luk. 4:8), 14:30,72; Luk. 22:61; Gal. 2:11-14, &c). The real "rock" that Jesus spoke of, is the "words" from His Father, see Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49, 8:13:

"For <u>their rock is not as our Rock</u> , even our enemies themselves being judges." (Deut. 32:31)	"And he shall say, Where are <u>their gods, their rock in whom they trusted</u> ," (Deut. 32:37)	"Which were cut down out of time, whose <u>foundation was overflow with a flood</u> :" (Job 22:16)	"And they shall <u>not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations;</u> " (Jeremiah 51:26)
"... <u>the rock in Horeb</u> ; and thou shalt smite <u>the rock</u> , and there shall <u>come water out of it</u> , that the people may <u>drink</u> ..." (Exo. 17:6)	"... speak ye unto <u>the rock</u> before their eyes; and <u>it shall give forth his water</u> , and thou shalt bring forth to them <u>water out of the rock</u> ... <u>drink</u> " (Num. 20:8)	"... <u>the rock</u> , and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you <u>water out of this rock</u> ?" (Num. 20:10)	"... with his rod he smote <u>the rock</u> twice: and the <u>water came out</u> abundantly, and the congregation <u>drank</u> ..." (Num. 20:11)
"He [<u>JEHOVAH God</u>] is the Rock, his work is perfect ... a <u>God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he</u> ." (Deut. 32:4)	"... <u>God which made him, ... the Rock of his salvation</u> ." (Deut. 32:15)	"Of <u>the Rock that begat thee</u> thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten <u>God that formed thee</u> ." (Deut. 32:18)	"... <u>their Rock</u> had sold them, and <u>the LORD</u> had shut them up?" (Deut. 32:30)
"And he said, <u>The LORD is my rock</u> , and my fortress, and my deliverer;" (2 Sam. 22:2)	(The <u>God of my rock</u> ..." 2 Sam. 22:3)	"For who is <u>God</u> , save <u>the LORD</u> ? and who is <u>a rock</u> , save our <u>God</u> ?" (2 Sam. 22:32)	" <u>The LORD</u> liveth; and blessed be my <u>rock</u> ; and exalted be the <u>God of the rock of my salvation</u> ." (2 Sam. 22:47)
"The <u>LORD is my rock</u> ..." (Psa. 18:2)	"For who is <u>God</u> save the <u>LORD</u> ? or who is a <u>rock</u> save our <u>God</u> ?" (Psa. 18:31)	" <u>The LORD</u> liveth; and blessed be my <u>rock</u> ; and let the <u>God of my salvation</u> be exalted." (Psa. 18:46)	"... <u>he shall set me up upon a rock</u> ." (Psa. 27:5)
"For <u>thou art my rock</u> ..." (Psa. 31:3)	" <u>He ... set my feet upon a rock</u> ..." (Psalms 40:2)	"I will say unto <u>God my rock</u> , ..." (Psa. 42:9)	"... lead me to the <u>rock that is higher than I</u> ." (Psa. 61:2)
"In <u>God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God</u> ." (Psa. 62:7)	"... for <u>thou art my rock</u> ..." (Psa. 71:3)	"... <u>the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink</u> ..." (Psa. 78:15)	"... <u>the rock, that the waters gushed out</u> ..." (Psa. 78:20)
"He shall cry unto me, Thou art <u>my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation</u> ." (Psa. 89:26)	"... <u>the LORD</u> is upright: <u>he is my rock</u> ..." (Psa. 92:15)	"... <u>my God is the rock</u> of my refuge." (Psa. 94:22)	"O come, let us sing unto <u>the LORD</u> : let us make a joyful noise to the <u>rock of our salvation</u> ." (Psa. 95:1)
" <u>The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner</u> ." (Psa.	"And <u>he shall be</u> for a sanctuary; but <u>for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence</u> to	"... thou hast forgotten the <u>God of thy salvation</u> , and hast not been mindful of the <u>rock</u>	"Therefore thus saith the <u>Lord GOD</u> , Behold, I <u>lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried</u>
			"And a man shall be ..., as the shadow of a <u>great rock</u> in a weary land." (Isa.
			"That saith of Cyrus, <u>He is my shepherd</u> , and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem,

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118:22)	both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem." (Isa. 8:14)	of thy strength ... (Isa. 17:10)	stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. " (Isa. 28:16)	32:2)	Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid." (Isa. 44:28)
... the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. " (Isa. 48:21)	... seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, ... " (Isa. 51:1)	"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, ..." (Dan. 2:34)	"... the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." (Dan. 2:35)	"... the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands ..." (Dan. 2:45)	"... these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: " (Mat. 7:24)
"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. " (Mat. 7:25)	"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. " (Mat. 16:16) (context Mat. 16:18)	"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. " (Mat. 16:18) (context Mat. 16:16-17, God's inspired words, "the Son of the living God" - is the "rock", the word of God; Mat. 7:24)	" Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?" (Mat. 21:42)	"And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: " (Mar. 12:10)	"He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: ... for it was founded upon a rock. " (Luk. 6:48)
"Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him," (Luk. 14:29)	"And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? " (Luk. 20:17)	" This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. " (Act. 4:11)	"As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. " (Rom. 9:33)	"... as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. " (1 Cor. 3:10)	"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. " (1 Cor. 3:11)
"Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;" (1 Cor. 3:12)	"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; " (Eph. 2:20)	"... Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. " (1 Pet. 2:6)	"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, " (1 Pet. 2:7)	"And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word ... " (1 Pet. 2:8)	GOD, EVEN JESUS CHRIST IS THE "ROCK" OF SCRIPTURE, FROM BEGINNING TO ENDING.

A study, done by a **Roman Catholic, Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick:**

"... which was to be delivered to Vatican I (1870). However, it was never delivered, but it was published later, along with other insights.[5] He points out the 5 interpretations, which Fathers of antiquity held to: 1) Peter as the Rock, 17 Fathers, 2) all the apostles, 8 Fathers, 3) that the church was built on the faith that Peter confessed, 44 Fathers, including the most important Fathers, 4) Jesus as the Rock, 16 Fathers, and 5) all Christians were the living stones, held by very few Fathers. **Kenrick rightfully concludes:**

"If we are bound to follow the majority of the Fathers in this thing, then we are bound to hold for certain that the rock should be understood as the faith professed by Peter, not Peter professing the faith."

Thus, only 20% of the Fathers held to Rome's now canonized "infallible" "Petrine Rock" interpretation of Matthew 16:18. That is far from being the norm of the early church. As **Roman Catholic apologist, H. Burn-Murdock admits:** "None of the writings of the first two centuries describe St. Peter as a bishop of Rome." [6] In fact, no one before Callistus (A.D. 223) used Matthew 16:18 to support the primacy of the Roman bishop (i.e., "Pope" as Rome call it)—no one.

The church historian, Eusebius of Caesarea (A.D. 263-339), sees the "rock" as Christ. He links this interpretation with the parallel rock and foundation statements of 1 Corinthians 3:11 and 10:4. **Sharing this view (Christ as the Rock) was Augustine.** In fact, he commented more on Matthew 16:18 than any other church Father. It is true that at the beginning of his ministry, he saw Peter as the Rock. However, he changed his position throughout the balance of his ministry in which **he adopted the view that the Rock was not Peter, but either Christ or Peter's confession, which pointed to the Person of Christ:**

Christ, you see, built his Church not on a man but on Peter's confession. What is Peter's confession? **'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'** There's the rock for you, there's the foundation, there's where the Church has been built, which the gates of the underworld cannot conquer (Sermons, XI, Sermon 229, 327).

What has been demonstrated over and over is that Roman Catholics do not engage in critical exegesis when interpreting Scripture, nor do they objectively examine the patristic (church Fathers) record, not because Catholics lack the ability, but because they do not need to—for Rome has already provided the "infallible" interpretation for them. Thus, for the Catholic: Rome's interpretations are correct, because Rome says they are.

However, the following points seriously challenge Rome's position of the so-called Primacy of Peter and him being the first Pope of Rome:

- 1) There is no biblical evidence indicating that Peter had supremacy over all the other apostles.
- 2) Peter never once considered that he was Pope, Pontiff; Vicar of Christ, Holy Father, or Head of the whole Christian Church, nor did any of the other apostles make such a claim.

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- 3) Peter outwardly denied the Lord (out of fear) and Peter was rebuked by the Apostle Paul for being prejudice against the Gentiles (cf. Gal. 2:11-12).
- 4) At the first church council in Jerusalem (not Rome), it was James and not Peter who was the leading speaker and decision maker, for James authoritatively declared: "It is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles. . ." (Acts 15:19). Moreover, the letter that was sent out regarding the judgment never mentions Peter (cf. v. 23).
- 5) At the end of Romans, Paul sends his greetings to at least 26 people—but Peter is not even mentioned! Why? Surely, if Peter had "recognized supremacy" over Rome and all the apostles, we would expect Paul to have greeted him first!
- 6) Peter was a married man, unlike the Roman Popes (cf, Matt. 8:14; 1 Cor. 9:5).

These are but a few of the many valid objections to Rome's position. Simply, there is no place in the NT where Peter acted as "Pope," or as the "supreme leader" or "head" of the apostles and the church. Quite the opposite is true. Paul says that the Christian church has "been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone" (Eph. 2:20). The Christian confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God is the very ROCK of faith upon which the Christian church has been built—and not upon the man Peter. . ." – (**commenting on Speech of Archbishop Kenrick, 109, An inside view of the vatican council, edited by Leonard Woolsey Bacon.** - https://books.google.as/books?id=WQo_zPtg-BAC&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false

This was also mentioned by the Standish brothers:

... the rule of biblical interpretation imposed upon us [by the Roman Catholic Church] is this: that the Scriptures are not to be interpreted contrary to the unanimous consent of the [early Christian] fathers. It is doubtful whether any instance of that unanimous consent is to be found. - Archbishop Kenrick (Peter Richard, 1806-1986), Inside View, 107

The archbishop stated that the early Christian fathers held diverse views upon the meaning of Matthew 16:18 -- The Rock (Ibid., 107-109). Here are some of the views of early Christians upon the meaning of this text:

1. The church was built upon Peter - Kenrick identified seventeen fathers including Origen, Cyprian, Jerome, Hilary, Cyril of Alexandria, Pope Leo the Great and Augustine who [early] held this view [but later dropped from view].
2. All the apostles -- eight fathers including Origen, Cyprian, Jerome, Augustine and Theodoric.
3. **The faith which Peter professed -- forty-four fathers, including Gregory of Nyssa, Cyril of Alexandria, Chrysostom, Theophylact, Ambrose, Pope Leo the Great, Augustine.**
4. Christ -- sixteen fathers. . ." - **The Rapture and Antichrist, by Russel R. Standish, Colin D Standish, page 233 - The Rapture and the Antichrist** - https://books.google.as/books?id=3Xrhqe_vPTAC&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false

QUESTION: ISN'T "PETER" ALWAYS LISTED FIRST AMONG THE DISCIPLES/APOSTLES, SHOWING THAT HE HAD THE PRIMACY, AND THAT HE ALONE WAS GIVEN THE "KEYS"?

No. While Peter is listed first in several instances (Mat. 10:2), he is not so listed first in all cases (Jhn. 1:40-41, 20:4; 1 Cor. 1:12, 3:22, 9:5), and Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles (Rom. 15:16; Gal. 2:8), not Peter (Gal. 2:11). Jesus, the "Master" and "Head" of the church (Eph. 5:23), the "Lord" (Mat. 10:24-25) gave the same authority and power to all 12 Apostles (Mat. 10:1-4; Luk. 9:1-3, "together") and also to the '70' (Luke 10:1,17), and afterward (to over 120 in the upper room, including women, Acts 2, & it was by the Holy Ghost, the actual infallible replacement, or substitute, or vicegerent of Christ on earth; Mat. 10:19-20; Jhn. 14:16-18,26; Act. 2:1-4,17-18,33; Rev. 5:6; Psa. 133:1-3; 1 Pet. 1:12; Joe. 2:28-29; Pro. 1:23). Peter himself states that Jesus is the "Chief Shepherd" (1 Pet. 5:3-4; also see 1 Pet. 2:21-25) and Jesus is the "rock" (Act. 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:6-8), as did Paul (Rom. 9:33; 1 Cor. 3:10-12; Eph. 2:20). Paul wrote to many churches, even to the one in "Rome", & Peter's name is not listed as the head of any church, not even as "Bishop", "Elder", etc (Rom. 1 & 16; Php. 1:1; 2 Tim. 4:22; Tit. 3:15), and neither did John (3 Jhn. 1:1). In all the epistles of Paul, Peter is never listed as chief of anything, but is barely mentioned (Gal. 2:6-9), and generally when he is mentioned, it is for his (Peter's) mistakes (Gal. 2:11-14). The very lead 'chair' in the first Council of Jerusalem, was not "Peter", but actually "James" (Act. 15:13-21). When Peter writes his Epistles (1 & 2 Peter, only 2, while Paul wrote 13, and John wrote 5 (Gospel, 3 Epistles and Revelation)), he does not claim any authority over any other "Elders" or "Apostles". He simply writes as one equal to another, one brother to another, acknowledging the authority that those individual churches had in Christ Jesus, apart from himself (2 Pet. 1:1,3,10, 3:15-16). Peter said prophecy is better than his own eyewitness (2 Pet. 1:19-21), & all men are "grass" (1 Pet. 2:4), but the word of God is eternal (1 Pet. 1:25), and to obey God (Act. 5:29).

Mat 16:18 καὶ σὺ σοὶ λέγω ὅτι σὺ εἶ **πέτρος** [G4074 N-NSM] καὶ επὶ ταῦτῃ τῇ **πέτρᾳ** [G4073 N-DSF] οὐκοδομησας μου τὴν εκκλησίαν καὶ πιλαι
 αδου οὐ κατισχυσουσιν αὐτῆς

Peter [English] = **petros** [transliterated Greek, masculine gender], **πέτρος** [Greek, masculine gender], **petrus** [Latin, masculine gender]

Rock [English] = **petra** [transliterated Greek, feminine gender], **πέτρᾳ** [Greek, feminine gender], **petram** [Latin, feminine gender]

Jesus said: "And **call no man your father upon the earth**: for **one is your Father, which is in heaven**." (Mat. 23:9), the real "**Holy Father**" (Jhn. 17:11).

In Mat. 16:19, Jesus hadn't given the "keys" to anyone yet ("I will (future tense) give"), and later we see in 2 Cor. 1:1, 2:10; Matthew 18:15-20; Luk. 11:49-52; John 20:18-23; Acts 1:13-15, that all the disciples and apostles have this same authority as a collective church body. The power of binding and loosing deals with receiving into the body of Christ or rejection from the body of Christ. The entire body together, and as individual "churches" have such authority. It is not 'bound' up in Peter alone, for even in Mat. 16:18, Jesus specifically said "church". Peter is one individual within the greater church. In other words, all in the "church" have such "keys" given them, Mat. 16:20.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES A "SEAL" CONTAIN IN SCRIPTURE?

SEAL				
TEXT	NAME	TITLE	TERRITORY	SEALED/MARKED
Gen. 41:41-42,46	Pharaoh	King	Egypt	"his ring from his hand ... set thee over all the land Egypt"
Dan. 4:1-3,16	Nebuchadnezzar (II)	King (of Kings)	Babylon	"unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth", "signs", "seven"
2 Chr. 36:22; Ezr. 1:1	Cyrus (II)	King	Persia	"he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing"
Dan. 6:8,17	Darius (the Mede)	King	Medes and Persians	"the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel"
Est. 3:12, 8:8,10	Ahasuerus (Xerxes I)	King	Persia	"in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse."

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1 Ki. 21:1,8	Ahab	King	Samaria	"she [Jezebel] wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal"	
Rev. 7:3, 14:1,7; Isa. 8:16; Eph. 4:30; Luk. 15:22	Name of "God" "having his Father's name written in their foreheads"	Creator of, "God ... him that"	"made", "the earth, ... the sea, ...the trees", "heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."	"sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.", "seal the law among my disciples.", "the holy Spirit of God, <u>whereby</u> ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (the HOLY GHOST is NOT the SEAL , but the PERSON who does the SEALING , in Jesus' (Son's) name on behalf of the Father (Son came in His name)) The Sabbath is the enclosing "ring" of God, or completion of the cycle of 7; "put a ring on his hand" (God's law surrounds all the actions (hand), work & rest)	

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE SEAL OF GOD IF NOT THE HOLY GHOST?

COMPARISON CHART: "THE LORD", "MADE", "HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS", "RESTED", "THE SEVENTH DAY", "THE SABBATH DAY" - GOD'S SEAL						
TEXT	NAME (JEHOVAH)	TITLE (CREATOR)	TERRITORY (HEAVEN)	TERRITORY (EARTH)	TERRITORY (SEA)	(7 TH) SABBATH SEAL
Gen. 1:1,10, 2:1-3	"God" (Elohiym)	"created"	"the heaven" (sky)	"the earth"	"and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas"	"the seventh day", "the seventh day", "the seventh day"
Exo. 20:11	"the LORD" (JEHOVAH)	"made"	"heaven"	"and earth"	"the sea, and all that in them is"	"the seventh day", "the sabbath day"
Exodus 31:17; Isa. 8:16,18,20	"the LORD" (JEHOVAH)	"made"	"heaven"	"and earth"	-----	"the seventh day", "it is a sign", "my disciples", "children", "seal the law among my disciples", "to the law and to the testimony"
Neh. 9:6	"Thou ... LORD" (JEHOVAH)	"made"	"heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host"	"the earth, and all things that are therein"	"the seas, and all that is therein"	"worshipeth thee"
Psa. 146:5-6	"the LORD his God" (JEHOVAH Elohiym)	"which made"	"heaven"	"and earth"	"the sea, and all that therein is"	"keepeth truth for ever", see Psa. 119:142,151
Act. 4:24	"God ... Lord, thou art God" (despota su o Theos)	"which hast made"	"heaven"	"and earth"	"and the sea, and all that in them is"	[these were believing Jews, already keeping sabbath]
Act. 14:15	"the living God" (ton Theon ton zonta)	"which made"	"heaven"	"and earth"	"and the sea, and all things that are therein"	"preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities" [Paul preached for the Gentiles to turn (repent) unto the True Creator & keep sabbath, see Act. 15:14-21]
Col. 1:16,23	"by him" (Jesus)	"created"	"that are in heaven"	"and that are in earth"	"were all things"	"If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;"
Rev. 10:6,11	"him that liveth for ever and ever, who"	"created"	"heaven, and the things that therein are"	"and the earth, and the things that therein are"	"and the sea, and the things which are therein"	"prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."
Rev. 1:10, 14:6-7,12	"Fear God" (phobethet e ton Theon)	"that made"	"heaven"	"and earth"	"and the sea, and the fountains of waters"	"worship him", "give glory to him", "the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus", "in the Spirit on the Lord's day", "the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"

See the many other texts which share similar thoughts: Gen. 14:19,22; Deut. 10:14; 2 Ki. 19:15; 1 Chr. 29:11; 2 Chr. 2:12; Ezr. 5:11; Psa. 69:34, 115:15, 121:2, 124:8, 134:3, 135:6; Isa. 37:16, 40:12; Jer. 32:17, 51:15-16; Mat. 11:25; Luk. 10:21; &c. See Isa. 66:22-23, that all flesh will come to "worship" before God from "sabbath to sabbath".

QUESTION: IF THE SEAL OF GOD, FOUND IN HIS LAW, IS THE 7TH DAY, THE SABBATH OF THE LORD, THEN WHAT IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST?

The Mark (or Sign) of the Beast (Rev. 13:1-2), is simply the opposition to those who "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12), "who did no sin" (1 Pet. 2:22; sin being the transgression of the law; 1 Jhn. 3:4; Rom. 7:7; Jam. 2:10-12)), and in relation to the specific

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command of "the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10; Isa. 58:13), wherein God is made known to be the maker "heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." (Rev. 14:7) So what is it that the worshippers of the Beast (nation-state; creation rather than Creator) do? They transgress God's law for their own vain traditions, as think they can change God's immutable spiritual (Rom. 7:14) Law of Ten Commandments and the time of it, and turn their backs upon the Law of God and the Ten Commandments, and worship the "sun" (creation) in the "east" (a sun-day), an "golden" "idol" of men's traditions, and take up vain thoughts (frontlets, forehead) and vain actions (hands):

[A.] Dan_7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints **of the most High, and think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

[B.] Pro_24:21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and **meddle not with them that are given to change**:

[C.] Eze_8:16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about **five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east**.

[D.] Exo 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, **make us gods**, which shall go before us; **for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him**.

Exo 32:2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the **golden** earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

Exo 32:3 And all the people brake off the **golden** earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

Exo 32:4 And he received them **at their hand**, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had **made it a molten calf**: and they said, **These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt**.

Exo 32:5 And when Aaron saw it, **he built an altar before it**; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, **To tomorrow is a feast to the LORD. (They claimed to worship JEHOVAH by this golden idol, while Moses (type of Jesus) was away up in the high mountain with God (as Jesus is with the Father now in Heaven))**

[E.] Dan 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king **made an image of gold**, whose height was **threescore** cubits, and the breadth thereof **six** cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of **Babylon**, (60x6x6)

Dan 3:2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of **the image** which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

Dan 3:3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were **gathered together unto** the dedication of **the image** that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. (**an image of a man, without God's Holy Spirit, is the "image" of a "beast"; Dan. 4:16**)

Dan 3:4 Then an herald cried aloud, **To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, (counterfeit herald message, opposing 3 angels; Rev. 14:6-12, 16:13)**

Dan 3:5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye **fall down** and **worship the golden image** that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: (**to "fall down" is to "sin", or transgress God's law; Psa. 36:12; Eze. 44:12; Hos. 5:5; 1 Jhn. 3:4**)

Dan 3:6 And whoso falleth not down and **worshippeth** shall **the same hour** be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ("fall", Mat. 4:9; 'hour, and the power of darkness", Luk. 22:53; "hour", Rev. 3:10, "hour", "to try them"; Rev. 17:12)

[F.] Psa_115:4 Their **idols** are silver and **gold**, **the work of men's hands**. (see also Psa. 135:15; Isa. 31:7; therefore, those Sealed by God, are to love God's Commandments above "gold" (Psa. 119:127), choosing to have the Father's name in our foreheads (frontlets), Pro. 22:1; Mat. 23:17, Jesus is the Temple)

[G.] Exo 31:15 Six days may work be done; but in **the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD**: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, **he shall surely be put to death**.

Exo 31:16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall **keep the sabbath**, to **observe the sabbath** throughout their generations, for **a perpetual covenant**.

Exo 31:17 **It is a sign** between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days **the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested**, and was refreshed.

[H.] Deu_6:8 And thou shalt **bind them [God's Law of Ten Commandments; Deut. 5:6-21] for a sign upon thine hand**, and they shall be **as frontlets between thine eyes**.

[I.] Deu_11:18 Therefore shall ye **lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul**, and **bind them for a sign upon your hand**, that they may be **as frontlets between your eyes**.

QUESTION: WHAT POPE, OR ROMAN CATHOLIC, THOUGHT TO CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS, AND WHEN?

Think to change times and laws.

'Pope' **Sylvester I** - <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/14370a.htm>

[Latin] "... Similiter et feriae a fando dicuntur, ob quam causam **Silvester papa primus apud Romanos** constituit ut dierum nomina quae antea secundum nomina deorum suorum vocabant, id est, Solis, Lunae, Martis, Mercurii, Veneris, Saturni, feria deinceps vocarent, id est, prima feria, secunda feria, tertia feria, quarta feria, quinta feria, sexta feria, quia in principio Genesis scriptum est quod Deus per singulos dies dixerit: prima, Fiat Lux; secunda, Fiat firmamentum; tertia, Producat terra herbam virentem, similiter, etc. Sabbatum autem antiquo legis vocabulo vocare praecepit, et primam feriam diem Dominicam, eo quod Dominus in illa resurrexit. **Statuit autem idem papa ut otium sabbati magis in diem Dominicam transferretur, ut ea die a terrenis operibus ad laudandum Deum vacaremus, justa illud quod scriptum est: Vacate et videite, quoniam ego sum Deus (Psal. XLV).**" - Beati Rabani Mauri, Fuldensis Abbatis et Moguntini Archiepiscopi, de Clericorum Institutione, ad Heistulphum Archiepiscopum; Libri Tres. (Anno 819.) Ad

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Fratres Fulenses Epigamma Ejusdem; Liber Secundus, Caput XLVI. Column 361 (Left; PDF page 35) -
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[Translated English] "... **Pope Sylvester, first among the Romans**, ordered that the names of the days [of the week], which they previously called after the name of their gods, that is, [the day] of the Sun, [the day] of the Moon, [the day] of Mars, [the day] of Mercury, [the day] of Jupiter, [the day] of Venus, [the day] of Saturn, they should call feriae thereafter, that is the first feria, the second feria, the third feria, the fourth feria, the fifth feria, the sixth feria, because that in the beginning of Genesis it is written that God said concerning each day: on the first, "Let there be light"; on the second, "Let there be a firmament"; on the third, "Let the earth bring forth verdure"; etc. **But he ['Pope' Sylvester I] ordered [them] to call the Sabbath by the ancient term of the law, [to call] the first feria the "Lord's day," because on it the Lord rose [from the dead]. Moreover, the same pope decreed that the rest of the Sabbath should be transferred rather to the [counterfeit] Lord's day [Sunday; the real "Lord's day" (Revelation 1:10) is the 7th day the Sabbath of the LORD], in order that on that day we should rest from worldly works for the praise of God. 7 ...**" - <https://web.archive.org/web/20190423191208/http://www.aloha.net/~mikesch/sylvester-i.htm>

Rome's changed law - https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html

Just as Roman Catholicism would uproot 3 of the Ten horns, it also alters 3 of the Ten Commandments (2 (Idols), 4 (the 7th day the Sabbath, Lord's day) & 10 (Covetousness)):

Bible (KJB) - Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17	[Rome's div.] The Ten Commandments - Exodus 20:2-17	[Rome's div.] Deuteronomy 5:6-21	A Traditional Catechetical Formula
Exo 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying, Exo 20:2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.	1. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.	1. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me . . .	1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.	2. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.		
Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.	3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.	2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain . . .	2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
Exo 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Exo 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: Exo 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.	4. Remember the sabbath day , to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant or your maidservant or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.	3. Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . .	3. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day. [The real "Lord's Day" in Revelation 1:10 KJB, is actually the 7th Day the Sabbath, (Isaiah 58:13; &c) not the first day. They changed the numerical order, having eliminated the 2nd commandment about Idols, altered the language of the 4th and divided the 10th about coveting which Paul declares is one commandment in the NT (Rom. 7:7, 13:9), thus uprooted "three" of "ten" (horns, governing authorities)]
Exo 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.	5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.	4. Honor your father and your mother . . .	4. Honor your father and your mother.
Exo 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.	6. You shall not kill.	5. You shall not kill.	5. You shall not kill.
Exo 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.	7. You shall not commit adultery.	6. Neither shall you commit adultery.	6. You shall not commit adultery.
Exo 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.	8. You shall not steal.	7. Neither shall you steal.	7. You shall not steal.
Exo 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.	9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	8. Neither shall you bear false witness	8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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			against your neighbor.
Exo 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.	10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or his maid servant or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.	9. Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife. 10. You shall not desire . . . anything that is your neighbor's.	9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods." - Compendium OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - The Ten Commandments

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QUESTION: DID ANY OTHERS WRITE ABOUT ROMAN CATHOLICISM CHANGING THE SOLEMNITY (HOLINESS) 7TH DAY TO THE 1ST DAY, AND SAY IT WAS ANTICHRIST?

Philip Melanchthon (Lutheran Reformer) (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_Melanchthon) on Daniel 7:25 -

[Old English] "... But what meaneth the aungell to saye: He shall s̄arle or destroye ye hyghe sayn|tis? verely els but that with his false doctrine capiousc othes articles / & in|terrogacions he shall fraudelently de|ceyue and trappe the simple innocents and shed their blode tyrannously. **Also he shall arrogantly take vpon him & thin|ke to change the state of tymes and la|wes.** He weneth to change ye tyme which with swerde and fyer thinketh to shorten the lyfe of man and to preuent and disa|point gods infallible eternall and immu|table prouidēce wherby he hath prefiyed every manis tyme & houre of deth which as noman can differre or prolong it / so cā|ne noman shorten nor preuent it / except men will make God an ignorant persone and so consequently no god at all. **He chā|geth the tymes and lawes that any of the [page 118-119] sixe worke dayes commanded of god will make them vnholy and idle dayes when he lyste / or of their owne holy dayes abolisched / make* worke dayes agen / & when they changed ye Saterday into Sondaye** / of eting dayes fasting dayes / of mery and glad dayes to marye in / they can make so|rowfull dayes forbiddinge maryages. **They haue changed gods lawes and tur|ned them into their owne tradicioēs to be kept aboue Gods preceptis.** And as for their owne lawes they will change & bre|ke them when they lyste. And **this powr shal anticrist haue** whether it be for long or shorte tyme. For so michē sowneth the Hebrew phrase / which is for a tyme / a lyt|le whyle / & half a tyme / signyfinge that **Anticryſt shall make lawes to stande as long and as shorte tyme as he listeth and the tymes will he order / sett and change at his owne plesur. But is it not onely ye office of god to chang tymes and lawes? Here is therfore the prophecye fulfylled of him. Euen to exalt himselfe aboue all thing that god is called.** This text. But the hyghe saynts he shall tangle trappe & destroye and arrogantly thinke to chan|ge the tymes and lawes &c. is of diuerse lerned men diuersely translated. ..." - (The Exposicion of Daniel the Prophete Gathered oute of Philip Melanchton, Johan Ecolampadius, Chonrade Pellicane [and] out of Johan Draconite (1545); page 118-119) - <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A04696.0001.001/1:11?rgn=div1;view=fulltext>

<https://archive.org/details/TheExposicionOfDanielThePropheteGatheredOuteOfPhilipMelanchtonJohan/page/n118/mode/1up>

<https://archive.org/details/TheExposicionOfDanielThePropheteGatheredOuteOfPhilipMelanchtonJohan/page/n119/mode/1up>

[Modern English] "... But what does the angel (Gabriel) mean to say: He shall wear out (persecute) or destroy the high (heavenly) saints (holy persons) (Daniel 7:25)? Verily (truly) (what) else (is it) but that with his false doctrine and capricious (unaccountable changes of) other articles (of faith & practice) & (with) interrogations (subtle questionings) he shall fraudulently deceive and trap the simple innocents and shed their blood, tyrannously. **Also, he shall arrogantly take upon him(self) and think to change the state of times and laws.** He thinks to change the time, which with (the) fire and sword (of persecution), thinks to shorten the life of man(kind) and to prevent and disappoint God's infallible, eternal and immutable providence whereby he (God) has prefixed every man's time and hour of death which no man (anyone of mankind) can defer (delay) or prolong (extend) it, so can no man (anyone of mankind) shorten, nor prevent it, except men (anyone of mankind) will make God an ignorant person and so consequently no 'God' at all. **He changes the times and laws that any of the [page 118-119] six work days commanded of God will make them unholys and idle days when he wills [desires by reason, "thinks"], or of their own 'holy days' [liturgical festal calendar days, like 'lent', &c] abolished, make work days again, and when they changed the Saturday [the 7th Day of the week in common, not technicality, as the days of God, are sunset to sunset ("even unto even"), not midnight to midnight (Roman times)] into Sunday [the 1st day of the week in common, not technicality], of eating (feasting) days (and) fasting days, of merry (celebratory) and glad days to marry in, they can make sorrowful days (even) forbidding marriages (1 Timothy 4:3). They have changed God's laws and turned them into their own traditions to be kept above God's precepts.** And as for their own laws, they will change and break them when they will (desire by reason, "thinks"). And **this power (authority) shall Anti-Christ [Latin: Vicarius Christi; koinē Greek: Anti Christos] have**, whether it be for (a) long or (a) short time. For so much shows (reveals) the Hebrew phrase, which is for a time, a little while (times), and a half a time, signyfinge **that Anti-Christ shall make laws to stand as long and as short (of) time as he wills [desires by reason, "thinks"], and the times will he order, set and change at his own pleasure. But is it not only the office (position and prerogative) of God to change times and laws (Daniel 2:21; Acts 17:26)? Here is therfore the prophecye fulfylled of him (Anti-Christ). Even to exalt himselfe aboue everything that god is called (Daniel 11:36; 2 Thessalonians 2:4).** This text. But the high (heavenly) saints (holy persons) he (Anti-Christ) shall tangle (ensnare), trap and destroy, and arrogantly think to change the times and laws, etc.; is of diverse (differing) men diversely (differently) translated. ..." -

QUESTION: SINCE THE 7TH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD, THE TRUE LORD'S DAY, AND GOD'S SEAL IN HIS LAW, DOES CATHOLICISM DECLARE ITS MARK AND IDENTITY?

H.F. Thomas, Chancellor Of Cardinal Gibbons:

"Of course **the Catholic Church claims that the change** [solemnity of the 7th day Sabbath to Sunday the first day of the week] **was her act** ... And **the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things.**"

The Faith of Millions, By the Reverend John A. O'Brien, Ph.D, copyright 1938, Published by Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indian, Pages 397-398,401,403

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"The attendance at Mass is the mark of a practical Catholic ... the worship of God and demands the attendance at Sunday Mass every Catholic worthy of the name."

Dictionary of the Liturgy, Rev. Jovian P. Lang, OFM., Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1989

"Distinctive of the Roman Catholic Church, Sunday Mass observance became a mark of a practicing Catholic."

Greek Orthodox ("Catholic")

"... Sunday as a Mark of Christian [Catholic] Unity ... In order to fully appreciate Sunday as a mark of Christian [Catholic] unity we must expand our definition of unity." [by Rev. Dr. Demetrios E. Tonias - Dean, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England] - <http://www.lausa.org/lda/sunday-as-a-mark-of-christian-unity/>

Latin title of 'Pope': VICARIVS FILII DEI = 666 -- English Trans.: In the place of the Son of God (on earth); also Latin: Vicarius Christi (same meaning), koine Greek: Anti Christos		
V = 5 I = 1 C = 100 A = 0 R = 0 I = 1 V(U) = 5 S = 0 112	F = 0 I = 1 L = 50 I = 1 I = 1 53 (+ 112) = 165	D = 500 E = 0 I = 1 501 (+ 112 + 53) = 666
"...Ut sicut Beatus Petrus in terris vicarius Filii Dei fuit constitutus, ita et Pontifices eius successores..."		
["...as the blessed Peter in the vicar of the Son of God on earth was appointed, so the Pontiffs his successors, and..."] [Prompta Bibliotheca Vol. 6, "Papa", Article 2; pg 43] - http://books.google.com/books?id=uJ8sAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=%22Prompta+Bibliotheca%22#v=onepage&q&f=false		
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ANOINTED (CHRIST)	CHRIST JESUS (True anointed man)	ANTI CHRIST (666; false anointed man)
PROPHET	(Deu. 18:15,18-19; Hos. 12:13; Mat. 13:57, 21:11,46; Mar. 6:4; Luk. 4:24, 7:16, 13:33, 24:19; Jhn. 4:19,44, 6:14, 7:40, 9:17; Act. 3:22,23, 7:37, &c)	6 (man). "eyes like the eyes of a man" Dan. 7:8,20, "dark sentences" Dan. 8:23; Rev. 2:20; in point of fact, the word "Vatican", from the Latin, "vatic-anus", meaning "old prophesying woman", like a witch, or since it is a religio city-state means "prophecy city", or "city of prophecy", see. - https://web.archive.org/web/20080711210238/biblelight.net/Vatican.htm Others have linked "Vatican" to "vatis" and "khan", the divining serpent/dragon, and Rome's crest is the Red Dragon, see - https://web.archive.org/web/20080209140853/biblelight.net/dragon.htm
PRIEST	(type: Gen. 14:18; Heb. 7:1,11,15; type: Exo. 28:1; Heb. 9:7, 10:11,21, 23:11, etc.; Psa. 110:4; Zec. 6:13; Mal. 2:7; Heb. 2:17, 3:1, 4:14,15, 5:1,5,6,10, 6:20, 7:3,17,20,21,26, 8:1,3,4, 9:11,25; Rev. 1:10-20, &c)	6 (man). (2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Thes. 2:4; 2 Tim. 3:5
KING	(Isa. 9:7; Dan. 2:44, 7:14,27; Mic. 5:2; Mat. 2:2, 21:5, 25:34,40, 27:11,29,37; Mar. 15:2,9,12,18,26,32; Luk. 14:31, 19:38, 23:2,3,38; Jhn. 1:49, 12:13,15, 18:37,39, 19:3,12,14,15,19,21; Act. 17:7; 1 Tim. 1:17, 6:15; Heb. 7:2; Rev. 17:14, 19:16, &c)	6 (man). (Dan. 7:8,11,20,21,24,25,26, 8:11,12,23-26, 11:40-45; 2 Thes. 2:4; Rev. 13:1-10, ec. 17:1-18, &c)

QUESTION: SINCE THE "HISTORICIST" UNDERSTANDING (GOD DECLARES THE END FROM THE BEGINNING) IS THE TRUTH, WHERE DID THE MODERN STANDARD "PRETERIST" & "FUTURIST" & "AMILLENNIALIST" & "ALLEGORIST" INTERPRETATIONS OF PROPHECY COME FROM?

The modern standard formulations of the "preterist", "futurist", "amillennialist", and "allegorist" interpretations of Prophecy came from the Jesuits (though there are older non-standardized versions through history by various persons): - <https://web.archive.org/web/20170703142610/http://www.aloha.net/~mikesch/antichrist.htm>

[A.] Preterism - Spanish Jesuit Luis De Alcazar (1554-1613), who also wrote a commentary called Investigation of the Hidden Sense of the Apocalypse, which ran to some 900 pages. In it he proposed that it all of Revelation applied to the era of pagan Rome and the first six centuries of Christianity. According to Alcazar (or Alcasar) [1.] Revelation chapters 1-11 describes the rejection of the Jews and the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. [2.] Revelation chapters 12 - 19 were the overthrow of Roman paganism (the great harlot) and the conversion of the empire to the church. [3.] Revelation 20 describe the final persecutions by Antichrist, who is identified as Caesar Nero (54-68 A.D.), and judgment. [4.] Revelation 21-22 describe the triumph of the New Jerusalem, the Roman Catholic Church. Alcazar found no application of prophecy to the middle ages or to the papacy. It differed in complete opposition to the Jesuit Francisco Ribera's and Robert Bellarmine's Futurism theology.

[B.] Futurism - Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) was a Jesuit doctor of theology, born in Spain, who began writing a lengthy commentary in 1585 on the book of Revelation (Apocalypse) titled In Sacrum Beati Ioannis Apostoli, & Evangelistiae Apocalypsin Commentarij, and published it about the year 1590. He died in 1591 at the age of fifty-four, so he was not able to expand on his work or write any other commentaries on Revelation. In order to remove the Catholic Church from consideration as the antichrist power, Ribera proposed that the first few chapters of the Apocalypse applied to ancient pagan Rome, and the rest he limited to a yet future period of 3 1/2 literal years, immediately prior to the second coming. During that time, the Roman Catholic Church would have fallen away from the pope into apostasy. Then, he proposed, the antichrist, a single individual, would: [1.] Persecute and blaspheme the saints of God. [2.] Rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. [3.] Abolish the Christian religion. [4.] Deny Jesus Christ. [5.] Be received by the Jews. [6.] Pretend to be God. [7.] Kill the two witnesses of God. [8.] Conquer the world.

[C.] Futurism - Cardinal Robert Bellarmine (S.J. - Jesuit), one of the best known Jesuit apologists, published a work between 1581 and 1593 entitled Disputationum Roberti Bellarmini De controversiis Christiani fidei adversus hujus temporis haereticos, (Polemic

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Lectures Concerning the Disputed Points of the Christian Belief Against the Heretics of This Time), in which he also denied the day = year principle in prophecy and pushed the reign of antichrist into a future period of 3 1/2 literal years. (See Froom, Prophetic Faith, Vol. 2, pgs. 495 - 502).

[D.] Futurism - Michael Walpole - A Treatise of Antichrist. Conteyning the defence of Cardinall Bellarmines arguments, which inuincibly demonstrate, that the pope is not Antichrist. Against George Downam by Michael Christopherson priest, Volume 1 of 2 by **the English Jesuit, Michael Walpole (1570-1624?), 1613 edition. Christopherson is a pseudonym for Walpole.**

[E.] Futurism - Manuel De Lacunza (1731-1801), a Jesuit from Chile, wrote a manuscript in Spanish titled La Venida del Mesias en Gloria y Magestad ("The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty"), under the pen name of Juan Josafa [Rabbi] Ben-Ezra about 1791. Lacunza wrote under an assumed Jewish name to obscure the fact that he was a Catholic, in order to give his book better acceptance in Protestantism, his intended audience. Also an advocate of Futurism, Lacunza was deliberately attempting to take the pressure off the papacy by proposing that the Antichrist was still off in the future. His manuscript was published in London, Spain, Mexico and Paris between 1811 and 1826.

[F.] Futurism - Edward Irving (1792-1834), a Scottish Presbyterian and forerunner of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, **translated Lacunza's work from Spanish into English in a book titled The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty with a Preliminary Discourse**, published in London in 1827 by L.B. Seeley & Sons, which included Irving's own lengthy preface.

[G.] Futurism - Margaret McDonald, member of Edward Irving's congregation has visions in early 1830's, with a 'secret rapture' of believers before Antichrist appears.

[H.] Futurism - Samuel Roffey Maitland (1792-1866), scholar and librarian to the Archbishop of Canterbury, further promoted and established Futurism in England after 1826, as a result of reading the work of Manuel De Lacunza.

[I.] Futurism - John Nelson Darby (1800-1882), a Church of Ireland clergyman, later with the Plymouth Brethren, also promoted Futurism and a secret rapture. Darby attended the series of meetings on Bible Prophecy that began in 1830 at Powerscourt, Ireland, and at these conferences Darby apparently learned about the secret rapture as revealed by vision to Margaret McDonald, and promoted by Edward Irving, and he soon visited Margaret MacDonald at her home in Port Glasgow, Scotland. Darby later visited America several times between 1859 and 1874, where his Futurist theology was readily accepted.

[J.] Futurism - Samuel Prideaux Tregelles (1813-1875), formerly with the Plymouth Brethren, he became Presbyterian, and published The Hope Of Christ's Second Coming in 1864, in which he gave the following testimony on the origin of the secret rapture, "I am not aware that there was any definite teaching that there would be a secret rapture of the Church at a secret coming, until this was given forth as an "utterance" in Mr. Irving's Church, from what was there received as being the voice of the Spirit. But whether any one ever asserted such a thing or not, it was from that supposed revelation that the modern doctrine and the modern phraseology respecting it arose. It came not from Holy Scripture, but from that which falsely pretended to be the Spirit of God, while not owning the true doctrine of our Lord's incarnation in the same flesh and blood as His brethren, but without taint of sin." -- Footnote 1 for Chapter 9, pg 35.

[K.] Cyrus Ingerson Scofield (1843-1921), greatly influenced by the writings of J. N. Darby, incorporated Futurism in the notes of his Scofield Reference Bible. First published by Oxford University Press in 1909, one million copies were printed by 1930. The Scofield Bible was instrumental in **firmly establishing the Jesuit inspired Futurist interpretation in the Protestant Bible schools of the**

United States in the 20th century. [1.] Futurist - Dallas Theological Seminary (John Walvoord, Chuck Swindoll, Charles C. Ryrie, Hal Lindsey, J. Vernon McGee, Kenneth N. Taylor, Thomas Ice, Renald Showers), [2.] Moody Bible Institute of Chicago (Jerry B. Jenkins), [3.] Western Theological Seminary (Reformed Church in America; Tim LaHaye; Jerry Fallwell), and others like Trinity Broadcasting, Jack Van Impe Ministries, Zola Levitt Ministries, John Ankerberg, Perry Stone, Chuck Missler, Dave Hunt, Eric Jon Phelps, etc.

CHURCH (CHURCHCRAFT, WORSHIP, RELIGION)	STATE (STATECRAFT, GOVERNMENT, KING)
"all the world wondered after the beast.", "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast"; Revelation 13:3,12	"But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps."; Daniel 11:43
"miry" "clay"; Daniel 2:33-35,41-45	"iron"; Daniel 2:33-35,41-45
"eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things/the voice of the great words/that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things & little horn/horn/that horn"; Daniel 7:8,11,20,21	"whose look was more stout than his fellows/made war" Daniel 7:8,11,20,21
"he shall speak great words against the most High/think to change times and laws"; Daniel 7:25	"shall wear out the saints of the most High/they shall be given into his hand"; Daniel 7:25
"Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down"; Daniel 8:10-11	"cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them"; Daniel 8:10-11
"by peace [religion/gospel]"; Daniel 8:25	"shall destroy [sword of the state]"; Daniel 8:25
"Priests [priesthood, earthly] [counterfeit]"; Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6, 5:10	"Kings [royal, earthly] [counterfeit]"; Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6, 5:10
"Sheeps clothing/drawing disciples [outwardly claiming Christ]"; Ezekiel 22:27; Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:29-30	"ravening wolves inwardly [Rome's symbol was the Capitoline wolf]"; Ezekiel 22:27; Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:29-30
"Tabernacles [house of worship]"; Daniel 11:45	"palace [house of kings]"; Daniel 11:45
"like unto horses" [horse is a symbol of God's people, a church];	"prepared unto battle";

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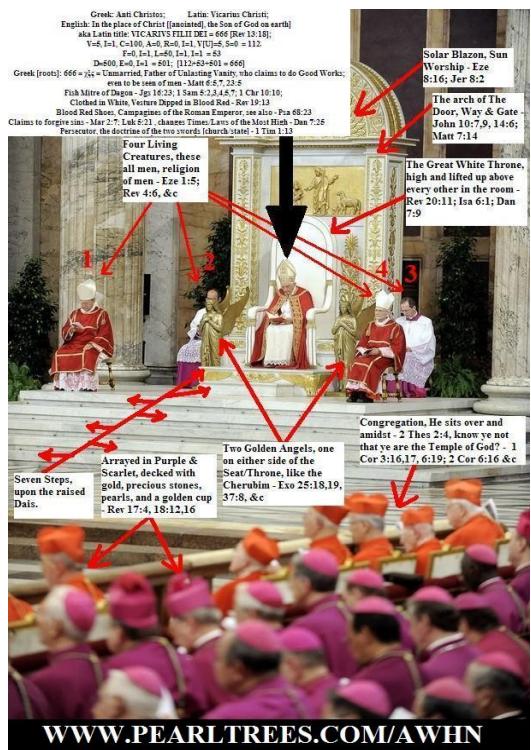
Revelation 9:7,10	Revelation 9:7,10
“on their heads were as it were crowns like gold [not real victory crowns]; Revelation 9:7	“their faces were as the faces of men [set to war against God]; Revelation 9:7
“they had hair as the hair of women” [woman is a symbol of a church]; Revelation 9:8	“their teeth were as the teeth of lions [lion is a beast, symbol of a kingdom”; Revelation 9:8
“breastplates [as of a priest or high priest]”; Revelation 9:9	“of iron” Revelation 9:9
“Worshippeth/worshipped/great wonders/miracles/worship”; Revelation 13:4,7,8,10,12,15, 14:9,11	“War/power over/killeth with the sword/power/causeth”; Revelation 13:4,7,8,10,12,15, 14:9,11
“Woman”; Revelation 17:1-8	“Beast”; Revelation 17:1-8
“Blasphemy”; Revelation 13:1,2,5,6, 17:3,18	“Crowns”; Revelation 13:1,2,5,6, 17:3,18
“Understanding Dark Sentences” (parables/proverbs); Daniel 8:23	“King of Fierce Countenance”; Daniel 8:23
“Exalteth” (in/to the place of); 2 Thessalonians 2:4	“Opposeth” (against by force); 2 Thessalonians 2:4
“Worshippeth”; 2 Thessalonians 2:4	“Sitteth” (enthroned); 2 Thessalonians 2:4
“God service”; John 16:2	“Killeth you”; John 16:2
“Peace [spirit/false gospel] [counterfeit]”; Mark 4:39	“be still [flesh/false sabbath rest day] [counterfeit]”; Mark 4:39
“Peace [Gospel]”; Luke 2:14	“Safety [protection by king/state]” Acts 5:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:3

koine Greek [roots, values]: 666 = χξς -- 666; chi-xi-stigma; χ ξ ξ :		
χ: chi - value “600”; the G22nd (agamos, ἄγαμος - unmarried, unwedded, single),	ξ: xi - value “60”; G14th (agathoergeō, ἀγαθοεργέω - virtue working (signaling), to work good, to do good, to do well, act rightly)	ς: stigma - value “6”; and an obsolete letter (4742 [stigma, mark, stick, prick] as a cross) of the Greek alphabet (intermediate between the G5th (abba ἀββα Abba = “father”) and G6th (Habel Ἀβελ Abel = “vanity (that is: transitory)”), used as numbers” [Strong’s +].
The meaning of 666 in English is “unmarried [single] father [man, calling himself ‘Abba’ (Father God)] who is ‘marked’ [as Cain] by claiming good works [claims good fruits], but all that he does is unlasting vanity, or “virtue (good) signaling (works to be seen of men)” [of no lasting value or merit; coming to a sudden end; as the fig tree with only pretentious leaves; Matthew 21:19; Mark 11:13; or as Cain, killeth those like Abel; thinking he doeth God’s service]”. See also Matthew 6:5,7, 23:5; John. 16:2 KJB, etc. The very position of popery, son of perdition, man of sin, Judas, Cain, Lucifer.		

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Virtue Signaling (outwardly looks good, but inwardly evil) - Matthew 6:5,7, 23:5; Isaiah 32:6; Daniel 11:21	Fish Mitre of Dagon - Judges 16:23; 1 Samuel 5:2,3,4,5,7; 1 Chronicles 10:10
Copies being Clothed in White with a Vesture dipped in Blood (counterfeit, in the place of Christ) - Revelation 19:13	Blood Red Shoes; Campagines of the Roman Emperor, see also - Psalms 68:23
Copies sitting in the Temple of God (Congregation, the 'body of Christ'; Mark 14:58; John 2:19; 1 Corinthians 3:16,17, 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:21; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 11:1), shewing Himself that He is God - Daniel 11:37-38; 2 Thessalonians 2:4	Copies God in changing the Times and Laws of the Most High God (JEHOVAH Elohiym) - Daniel 7:25; Proverbs 24:21; Exodus 20:8-11 (Time & Law)
Persecutor, carries the doctrine of the 'Two Swords' (Church & State) - John 16:2; 1 Timothy 1:13	Arrayed in Purple & Scarlet, decked with Precious Stones, Pearls & Golden Cup in the hand - Revelation 17:4, 18:12,16
Claims to Forgive Sins (Blasphemy), in the place of the Son of God - Mark 2:7; Luke 5:21	Copies sitting between the Angels (Cherubim) on a Throne - Exodus 25:18,19, 37:8; &c.
Copies sitting on a Great White Throne over all - Revelation 20:11; Isaiah 6:1; Daniel 7:9; &c	Copies sitting between the 4 Living Creatures (religion of mankind, rather than God) - Ezekiel 1:5; Revelation 4:6; &c.
Surrounded by Sun (Solar, Sol), & astral worship & symbolism - Ezekiel 8:16; Jeremiah 8:2	Claims the names & prerogatives of God ("Way", "Door", & "Gate", &c.) - John 10:7,9, 14:6; Mat. 7:14
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Anti - Opposeth (against) & Exalteth (In the place of) Christ (Acts 20:28-30 KJB) 2 Thess. 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.	
[1] opposeth (meaning against)	
[2] exalteth (meaning to the very place of)	



We can see then, that which was withholding was the Roman Empire itself under the rule of Caesars. Others anciently also reveal this:

Roman Catholic Encyclopedia; Online:

“...The impediment is the Roman Empire; the main event impeded is the “man of sin” (most Latin Fathers and later interpreters) ...” [Roman Catholic Online Encyclopedia; “A”; Antichrist; In The Pauline Epistles; [second option of 4 listed]] - <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01559a.htm>

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Irenaeus [c. 130 - c. 202 AD]**

... It is therefore more certain, and less hazardous, to await the fulfilment of the prophecy, than to be making surmises, and casting about for any names that may present themselves, inasmuch as many names can be found possessing the number mentioned; and the same question will, after all, remain unsolved. ...

... **Then also Lateinos (ΛΑΤΕΙΝΟΣ) has the number six hundred and sixty-six; and it is a very probable [solution], this being the name of the last kingdom [of the four seen by Daniel]. For the Latins are they who at present bear rule:** I will not, however, make any boast over this [coincidence]. ...

... **For if it had been declared by Him, he (Antichrist) might perhaps continue for a long period.** ..." - Irenaeus, Against Heresies (Book V, Chapter 30) - <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0103530.htm>

Tertullian [c. 155 AD - c. 220 AD]:

... Again, in the second epistle he addresses them with even greater earnestness: Now I beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him, that you be not soon shaken in mind, nor be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, that is, the word of false prophets, or by letter, that is, the letter of false apostles, as if from us, as that the day of the Lord is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means. For that day shall not come, unless indeed **there first come a falling away, he means indeed of this present empire, and that man of sin be revealed, that is to say, Antichrist, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or religion; so that he sits in the temple of God, affirming that he is God.** Do you not remember, that when I was with you, I used to tell you these things? And now you know what detains, that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity does already work; only he who now hinders must hinder, until he be taken out of the way. 2 **Thessalonians 2:1-7 What obstacle is there but the Roman state, the falling away of which, by being scattered into ten kingdoms, shall introduce Antichrist** ..." [Roman Catholic Online Fathers Of The Church; On The Resurrection Of The Flesh (Tertullian); "Chapter 24. Other Passages Quoted from St. Paul, Which Categorically Assert the Resurrection of the Flesh at the Final Judgment."] - <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0316.htm>

... There is also another and a greater necessity for our offering prayer in behalf of the emperors, nay, for the complete stability of the empire, and for Roman interests in general. For we know that a mighty shock impending over the whole earth—in fact, the very end of all things threatening dreadful woes—is only retarded by the continued existence of the Roman empire. We have no desire, then, to be overtaken by these dire events; and in praying that their coming may be delayed, we are lending our aid to Rome's duration. ..." [Roman Catholic Online Fathers Of The Church; Apology (Tertullian; Chapter 32)] - <http://newadvent.org/fathers/0301.htm>

Cyprian of Carthage [c. 210 - 14 September 258 AD]

... For you ought to know and to believe, and hold it for certain, that the day of affliction has begun to hang over our heads, and **the end of the world and the time of Antichrist to draw near**, so that we must all stand prepared for the battle; nor consider anything but the glory of life eternal, and the crown of the confession of the Lord; and not regard those things which are coming as being such as were those which have passed away. A severer and a fiercer fight is now threatening, for which the soldiers of Christ ought to prepare themselves with uncorrupted faith and robust courage, considering that they drink the cup of Christ's blood daily, for the reason that they themselves also may be able to shed their blood for Christ. ...

... 7. Nor let any one of you, beloved brethren, be so terrified by the fear of future persecution, or **the coming of the threatening Antichrist**, as not to be found armed for all things by the evangelical exhortations and precepts, and by the heavenly warnings. **Antichrist is coming**, but above him comes Christ also.1 The enemy goes about and rages, but immediately the Lord follows to avenge our sufferings and our wounds. The adversary is enraged and threatens, but there is One who can deliver us from his hands. ..." Cyprian of Carthage, Epistle 55 - <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/050655.htm>

Cyril of Jerusalem [c. 313 - 386 AD]:

... 12. But this aforesaid **Antichrist is to come when the times of the Roman empire shall have been fulfilled, and the end of the world is now drawing near**. There shall **rise up together ten kings of the Romans, reigning in different parts perhaps, but all about the same time; and after these an eleventh, the Antichrist**, who by his magical craft **shall seize upon the Roman power**; and of the kings who reigned before him, three he shall humble, and the remaining seven he shall keep in subjection to himself. At first indeed he will put on a show of mildness (as though he were a learned and discreet person), and of soberness and benevolence: and by the lying signs and wonders of his magical deceit having beguiled the Jews, **as though he were the expected Christ, he shall afterwards be characterized by all kinds of crimes of inhumanity and lawlessness, so as to outdo all unrighteous and ungodly men who have gone before him; displaying against all men, but especially against us Christians, a spirit murderous and most cruel, merciless and crafty**. And after perpetrating such things for three years and six months only, **he shall be destroyed by the glorious second advent from heaven of the only-begotten Son of God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus, the true Christ, who shall slay Antichrist with the breath of His mouth**, and shall deliver him over to the fire of hell. ..."

... And **Antichrist will come at the time when there shall not be left one stone upon another in the Temple of the Jews, according to the doom pronounced by our Saviour** ...

... **only God forbid that it should be fulfilled in our days**; nevertheless, let us be on our guard. And thus much **concerning Antichrist**. ...

... bearing in mind the signs of the end, and remaining unsubdued by Antichrist. You have received the tokens of the Deceiver who is to come; you have received the proofs of the true Christ, who shall openly come down from heaven. Flee therefore the one, the False one; and look for the other, the True. ..." Cyril of Jerusalem; Catechetical Lecture 15 - <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/310115.htm>

Chrysostom [c. 347 - 14 September 407]:

... One may naturally enquire, what is that which withholds, and after that would know, why Paul expresses it so obscurely. What then is it that withholds, that is, hinders him from being revealed? Some indeed say, the grace of the Spirit, but others **the Roman empire, to whom I most of all accede**. Wherefore? Because if he meant to say the Spirit, he would not have spoken obscurely, but plainly, that even now the grace of the Spirit, that is the gifts, withhold him. And otherwise he ought now to have come, if he was about to come when the gifts ceased; for they have long since ceased. But because **he said this of the Roman empire**, he naturally glanced at it, and speaks covertly and darkly. For he did not wish to bring upon himself superfluous enmities, and useless dangers. For if he had said that **after a little while the Roman empire would be dissolved**, they would immediately have even overwhelmed him, as a pestilent person, and all the faithful, as living and warring to this end. And he did not say that it will be quickly, although he is always saying it—but what? "that he may be revealed in his own season,"... But he did not also wish to point him out plainly: and this not from cowardice,

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but instructing us not to bring upon ourselves unnecessary enmities, when there is nothing to call for it. **So indeed he also says here.**
"Only there is one that restrains now, until he be taken out of the way", that is, when the Roman empire is taken out of the way, then he shall come. And naturally. For as long as the fear of this empire lasts, no one will willingly exalt himself, but when that is dissolved, he will attack the anarchy, and endeavor to seize upon the government both of man and of God. For as the kingdoms before this were destroyed, for example, that of the Medes by the Babylonians, **that of the Babylonians by the Persians, that of the Persians by the Macedonians, that of the Macedonians by the Romans: ... And these things Daniel delivered to us with great clearness. ...**" [Roman Catholic Online Fathers Of The Church; Homilies On Second Thessalonians (Chrysostom); Homily 4] - <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/23054.htm>

Augustine [13 November 354 - 28 August 430]:

"...I will nevertheless mention such conjectures as I have heard or read.

Some think that the Apostle Paul referred to the Roman empire, and that he was unwilling to use language more explicit, lest he should incur the calumnious charge of wishing ill to the empire which it was hoped would be eternal; ... However, **it is not absurd to believe that these words of the apostle, "Only he who now holds, let him hold until he be taken out of the way," refer to the Roman empire**, as if it were said, "Only he who now reigns, let him reign until he be taken out of the way." "And then shall the wicked be revealed: **no one doubts that this means Antichrist.** ..." [Roman Catholic Online Fathers Of The Church; The City of God (Book XX); (St. Agustine); Concerning the last judgment, and the declarations regarding it in the old and new testaments.; Chapter 19.—What the Apostle Paul Wrote to the Thessalonians About the Manifestation of Antichrist Which Shall Precede the Day of the Lord.] - <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/120120.htm>

H. Grattan Guinness (Irish Protestant minister) [11 August 1835 - 21 June 1910]:

"5. The Fathers held that the Roman empire was the "let," or hindrance, referred to by Paul in 2 Thessalonians, which kept back the manifestation of the "man of sin." This point is of great importance. Paul distinctly tells us that he knew, and that the Thessalonians knew, what that hindrance was, and that it was then in existence. **The early Church, through the writings of the Fathers, tells us what it knew upon the subject, and with remarkable unanimity affirms that this "let," or hindrance, was the Roman empire as governed by the Caesars; that while the Caesars held imperial power, it was impossible for the predicted antichrist to arise, and that on the fall of the Caesars he would arise.** Here we have a point on which Paul affirms the existence of knowledge in the Christian Church. The early Church knew, he says, what this hindrance was. The early Church tells us what it did know upon the subject, and no one in these days can be in a position to contradict its testimony as to what Paul had, by word of mouth only, told the Thessalonians. It is a point on which ancient tradition alone can have any authority. **Modern speculation is positively impertinent on such a subject.** ... **From Irenaeus, who lived close to apostolic times, down to Chrysostom and Jerome, the Fathers taught that the power withholding the manifestation of the "man of sin" was the Roman empire as governed by the Caesars. The Fathers therefore belong to the historic, and not to the futurist school of interpretation; for futurists imagine that the hindrance to the manifestation of the man of sin is still in existence, though the Caesars have long since passed away.** ..." [Romanism and the Reformation; H. Grattan Guinness; Pg 52-53] - http://www.whitehorsemedia.com/docs/ROMANISM_AND_THE_REFORMATION.pdf

"... 23. Now since these things, spoken as they are with a mystical meaning, may seem to some hard to understand, we shall keep back nothing fitted to impart an intelligent apprehension of them to those who are possessed of a sound mind. He said, then, that **a "lioness came up from the sea," and by that he meant the kingdom of the Babylonians in the world, which also was the head of gold on the image. In saying that "it had wings as of an eagle," he meant that Nebuchadnezzar the king was lifted up and was exalted against God.** Then he says, "the wings thereof were plucked," that is to say, his glory was destroyed; for he was driven out of his kingdom. And the words, "a man's heart was given to it, and it was made stand upon the feet as a man," refer to the fact that he repented and recognised himself to be only a man, and gave the glory to God.

24. Then, after the lioness, he sees a "second beast like a bear," and that denoted the Persians. For after the Babylonians, the Persians held the sovereign power And in saying that there were "three ribs in the mouth of it," he pointed to three nations, viz., the Persians, and the Medes, and the Babylonians; which were also represented on the image by the silver after the gold. **Then (there was) "the third beast, a leopard," which meant the Greeks. For after the Persians, Alexander of Macedon obtained the sovereign power on subverting Darius, as is also shown by the brass on the image. And in saying that it had "four wings of a fowl," he taught us most clearly how the kingdom of Alexander was partitioned. For in speaking of "four heads," he made mention of four kings, viz., those who arose out of that (kingdom). For Alexander, when dying, partitioned out his kingdom into four divisions.**

25. Then he says: "A fourth beast, dreadful and terrible; it had iron teeth and claws of brass." And who are these but the Romans? Which (kingdom) is meant by the iron—the kingdom which is now established; for the legs of that (image) were of iron. And after this, what remains, beloved, but the toes of the feet of the image, in which part is iron and part clay, mixed together? And mystically by the toes of the feet he meant the kings who are to arise from among them; as Daniel also says (in the words), "I considered the beast, and lo there were ten horns behind it, among which shall rise another (horn), an offshoot, and shall pluck up by the roots the three (that were) before it." And under this was signified none other than Antichrist ...

...28. The golden head of the image and the lioness denoted the Babylonians; the shoulders and arms of silver, and the bear, represented the Persians and Medes; the belly and thighs of brass, and the leopard, meant the Greeks, who held the sovereignty from Alexander's time; the legs of iron, and the beast dreadful and terrible, expressed the Romans, who hold the sovereignty at present; the toes of the feet which were part clay and part iron, and the ten horns, were emblems of the kingdoms that are yet to rise; **the other little horn that grows up among them meant the Antichrist in their midst;** the stone that smites the earth and brings judgment upon the world was Christ. ..." [Roman Catholic Online Fathers Of The Church; On Christ and Antichrist (Hippolytus), section 23-25,28 - <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0516.htm>

Nicolaus Von Amsdorf (1483 - 1565)

"He (the antichrist) will be revealed and come to naught before the last day, so that **every man shall comprehend and recognize that the pope is the real, true antichrist and not the vicar of Christ** ... Therefore those who consider the pope and his bishops as Christian shepherds and bishops are deeply in error, but even more are those who believe the Turk (ISLAM) is the antichrist. Because the Turk (ISLAM) rules outside of the church and does not sit in the holy place, nor does he seek to bear the name of Christ, but is an open antagonist of Christ and His church. This does not need to be revealed, but it is clear and evident because he **persecutes Christians openly and not as the pope does, secretly under the form of Godliness.**" (Nicolaus Von Amsdorf, Furnemliche und gewisse Zeichen, sig.A2r.,v.) - <http://www.the-bible-antichrist.com/what-did-reformers-believe.html>

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Martin Luther (1483 - 1546)

"nothing else than the kingdom of Babylon and of very Antichrist. For who is the man of sin and the son of perdition, but he who by his teaching and his ordinances increases the sin and perdition of souls in the church; while he yet sits in the church as if he were God? **All these conditions have now for many ages been fulfilled by the papal tyranny.**" (Martin Luther, First Principles, pp. 196-197)

Thomas Cranmer (2 July 1489 - 21 March 1556)

"Wherefore it followeth **Rome to be the seat of AntiChrist, and the pope to be very AntiChrist himself. I could prove the same by many other scriptures, old writers and strong reasons.**" (Referring to Prophecies in Revelation and Daniel) [Works by Cranmer, Vol. 1]

Flacius (1570)

"The sixth and last reason for our separation from **the pope and his followers** be this: By many writings of our church, by the Divinely inspired Word, by prophecies concerning the future and by the special characteristics of **the Papacy, it has been profusely and thoroughly proved that the pope with his prelates and clergy is the real true great antichrist, that his kingdom is the real Babylon, a never ceasing fountain and a mother of all abominable idolatry.**" (Flacius, Etliche Hochwichtige Ursachen und Grunde, warum das siche alle Christen von dem Antichrist ... absondern sollen)

Georg Nigrinus (1530 - 1602)

"The Jesuits claim to be sorely offended and have taken my declarations as an insult and blasphemy in branding **the Papacy as the antichrist of which Daniel, Paul, Peter, John and even Christ prophesied**. But this is as true as it is that Jesus is the Messiah, and **I am prepared to show it even by their own definition of the word 'antichrist'.**" (Translated from "Nigrinus, Antichrists Grundliche Offenbarung" fol. 6v.)

"This Jesuit further contends that the Papacy cannot be **antichrist** because the Papacy has lasted for centuries, but that the antichrist is supposed to reign only for 3 1/2 years ... But **no one doubts today that Daniel spoke of YEAR-DAYS, not literal days ... The prophetic time-periods of forty-two months, 1260 days, 1, 2, 1/2 times are prophetic, and according to Ezekiel 4, a day must be taken for a year.**" (Translated from "Nigrinus, Antichrists Grundliche Offenbarung" fols.28v. 29r.)

John Calvin (1509 - 1564)

"Though it be admitted that **Rome was once the mother of all Churches, yet from the time when it began to be the seat of Antichrist** it has ceased to be what it was before. Some persons think us too severe and censorious when **we call the Roman Pontiff Antichrist**. But those who are of this opinion do not consider that they bring the same charge of presumption against Paul himself, after whom we speak and whose language we adopt .. **I shall briefly show that (Paul's words in II Thess. 2) are not capable of any other interpretation than that which applies them to the Papacy.**" (Institutes of the Christian Religion, Vol.3, p.149)

John Knox (1505 - 1572)

"Yea, to speak it in plain words; lest that we submit ourselves to Satan, thinking that we submit ourselves to Jesus Christ, for, **as for your Roman kirk, as it is now corrupted**, and the authority thereof, whereon stands the hope of your victory, I no more doubt but that **it is the synagogue of Satan, and the head thereof, called the pope, to be that man of sin, of whom the apostle speaks.**" (John Knox, The History of the Reformation of Religion in Scotland, p.65)

King James VI (Scotland), I (England) (James Charles Stuart; 19 June 1566 - 27 March 1625)

"Rome is the Seat of the Antichrist." - A Premonition to All Most Mightie Monarchs

"...Popery is in deed The mysterie of iniquitie..." - 1605 Speech to Parliament

"The Pope is Antichrist..." - Meditation Upon Revelation 20:7-10

"Antichrist and his clergie...not only infect the earth...but rule also over the whole..." - Meditation Upon Revelation 20:7-10

Roger Williams (1603 - 1683)

Pastor Williams spoke of **the Pope as "the pretended Vicar of Christ on earth, who sits as God over the Temple of God, exalting himself not only above all that is called God, but over the souls and consciences of all his vassals**, yea over the Spirit of Christ, over the Holy Spirit, yea, and God himself...speaking against the God of heaven, **thinking to change times and laws; but he is the son of perdition.**" (The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers by Froom, Vol. 3, pg. 52)

The Westminster Confession of Faith (1646)

"There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ: nor can **the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition, that exalts himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God.**" (1646 Westminster Confession of Faith)

The Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)

"The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, in whom, by the appointment of the Father, all power for the calling, institution, order or government of the church, is invested in a supreme and sovereign manner; neither can **the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ.**" (1689 Baptist Confession of Faith)

John Wesley (1703 - 1791)

"... In many respects, **the Pope has an indisputable claim to those titles. He is, in an emphatical sense, the man of sin, as he increases all manner of sin above measure.** And **he is, too, properly styled, the son of perdition**, as he has caused the death of numberless multitudes, both of his opposers and followers, destroyed innumerable souls, and will himself perish everlasting. He it is that opposeth himself to the emperor, once his rightful sovereign; and that exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped - Commanding angels, and putting kings under his feet, both of whom are called gods in scripture; claiming the highest power, the highest honour; suffering himself, not once only, to be styled God or vice-God. Indeed no less is implied in his ordinary title, "Most Holy Lord," or, "Most Holy Father." So that he sitteth - Enthroned. In the temple of God - Mentioned Rev. xi, 1. Declaring himself that he is God - Claiming the prerogatives which belong to God alone." (John Wesley, Explanatory Notes Upon The New Testament, p.216)

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J. H. Merle D'Aubigne (16 August 1794 - 21 October 1872)

"Luther... proved, by the revelations of Daniel and St. John, by the epistles of St. Paul, St. Peter and St. Jude, that the reign of AntiChrist, predicted and prescribed in the Bible, was the Papacy." [History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, John H. Merle D'aubigne, Book VI] - http://books.google.com/books?id=pE...a=X&ei=G2_WUKruNoeYiALN1YDwBg&ved=0CDQQ6AEwAA

Charles Spurgeon (1834 - 1892)

"It is the bounden duty of every Christian to pray against Antichrist, and as to what Antichrist is no sane man ought to raise a question. If it be not the popery in the Church of Rome there is nothing in the world that can be called by that name. If there were to be issued a hue and cry for Antichrist, we should certainly take up this church on suspicion, and it would certainly not be let loose again, for it so exactly answers the description."

"Popery is contrary to Christ's Gospel, and is the Antichrist, and we ought to pray against it. It should be the daily prayer of every believer that Antichrist might be hurled like a millstone into the flood and for Christ, because it wounds Christ, because it robs Christ of His glory, because it puts sacramental efficacy in the place of His atonement, and lifts a piece of bread into the place of the Saviour, and a few drops of water into the place of the Holy Ghost, and puts a mere fallible man like ourselves up as the vicar of Christ on earth; if we pray against it, because it is against Him, we shall love the persons though we hate their errors: we shall love their souls though we loath and detest their dogmas, and so the breath of our prayers will be sweetened, because we turn our faces towards Christ when we pray." (Michael de Semlyen, All Roads Lead to Rome)

Rev. J.A. Wylie (1808 - 1890)

"The same line of proof which establishes that Christ is the promised Messiah, conversely applied, establishes **that the Roman system is the predicted Apostacy**. In the life of Christ we behold the converse of what **the Antichrist** must be; and in the prophecy of the Antichrist we are shown the converse of what Christ must be, and was. And when we place **the Papacy** between the two, and compare it with each, we find, on the one hand, that it is the perfect converse of Christ as seen in his life; and on the other, that **it is the perfect image of the Antichrist, as shown in the prophecy** of him. We conclude, therefore, that if Jesus of Nazareth be the Christ, **the Roman Papacy is the Antichrist.**" (J.A.Wylie, Preface to "The Papacy is the Antichrist, A Demonstration")

Ellen G. White (1827 - 1915)

"This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of "the man of sin" foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. That gigantic system of false religion is a masterpiece of Satan's power - a monument of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth according to his will."

"To secure worldly gains and honors, the church was led to seek the favor and support of the great men of earth; and having thus rejected Christ, she was induced to yield allegiance to **the representative of Satan - the bishop of Rome ... Prophecy had declared that the papacy was to "think to change times and laws. (Daniel 7:25)"** (E.G.White, The Great Controversy, pp.49-51)

Leroy Edwin Froom (October 16, 1890 - February 20, 1974)

"... (Roger Williams) **Pastor Williams spoke of the pope as, "the pretended Vicar of Christ on Earth, who sits as God, over the Temple of God, exalting himself not only above all that is called God**, but over the souls and consciences of all his vassals, yea over the Spirit of Christ, over the Holy Spirit, yea, and God Himself... speaking against the God of heaven, thinking to change times and laws; but he is the son of perdition (2 Thessalonians 2)." [The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers, Froom Vol 3, pg. 52]

QUESTION: DOESN'T [CAESAR] NERO'S NAME IN LATIN COME TO 666 ALSO, AND SO WHY IS HE NOT THE ANTICHRIST IN THE PRETERIST INTERPRETATION?

Latin: "Nero[n] Caesar" [full name: "NERO CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVGSTVS GERMANICVS"], being transliterated into Syriac/Aramaic, "**NRWN QSR**", would then be:

HEBREW LETTER	ANGLICIZED LETTER FORM	PSALM REFERENCE	VALUE (TOTAL)
נ	Nun	[Psalms 119:105-112]	= 50
ר	Resh	[Psalms 119:153-160]	= 200
ו	Vau	[Psalms 119:41-48]	= 6
נ (ו)	Nun (as final)	[Psalms 119:105-112]	= 50 (as final, 700)
ר	Koph	[Psalms 119:145-152]	= 100
ס	Samech	[Psalms 119:113-20]	= 60
ר	Resh	[Psalms 119:153-160]	= 200 = 666 (but with final = 1,316)

Without the additional "נ (ו) Nun", as either 'final', or not, making no difference, the total would not come to '666', but as 'final' would total '1316', and as not 'final' would total '616' [an error, found in a very few ancient manuscripts that had been corrupted, see **Irenaeus [A.D. 120-202]** "... I do not know how it is that some have erred following the ordinary mode of speech, and have vitiated the middle number in the name, deducting the amount of fifty from it, so that instead of six decades they will have it that there is but one (ie. 616). [I am inclined to think that this occurred through the fault of the copyists, as is wont to happen, since numbers also are expressed by letters; so that the Greek letter which expresses the number sixty was easily expanded into the letter Iota of the Greeks.] ..." - Against Heresies: Book V, Chapter XXX -<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0103530.htm>]. Let's see some other difficulties:

[1] The additional "נ (ו) Nun", as either 'final' (700), or not (50).

[2] The transliteration from Latin to Syriac/Aramaic [Hebrew], and using a Hebrew Gematria, rather than a Latin one on the original Latin name, which would only total to '100'. Revelation was written in koine Greek [by John the Apostle on the Isle of Patmos], speaking about the Roman [Latin] element [Iron, Daniel 2 & 7 KJB, etc.] of Revelation 13:1-8 KJB. **Why is not a Greek, or even a Latin, Gematria used, instead of an Syriac/Aramaic [Hebrew]?** The full name, **NERO CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVGSTVS GERMANICVS = 1,882**

[3] Nero was the 5th "Augustus" [beginning with Gaius Octavius],

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[4] Nero was the 6th "Caesar" [beginning with Julius], and cannot therefore be the 11th [8th] horn of Daniel 7 KJB in any way.

[5] Nero, especially, cannot be both, of the "ten" [horns] of Daniel 7 KJB (which some wrongfully attribute to the first Ten Caesars of Pagan Rome - List of Roman emperors - Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_emperors) all existing at the same time, and the "another little" [horn] at the same time, which came up both after the "ten" existed, and amongst them.

[6] Nero in no way uprooted "three" [Daniel 7:8,20,24 KJB] of the previous "ten" [Horns] (if as, wrongly, supposed are to be the list of the first Ten Caesars) when he became Emperor.

[7] Etc., as there is numerous more reasons which substantiate that Nero is not the "little horn" of Daniel 7 KJB, is not the "antichrist" of John's Epistles, nor the "beast" of Revelation 12, 13 or 17; not the least of which the prophetic time element of the "forty and two months" [42], being "one thousand, two hundred and threescore days" [1,260], or "time, times, and the dividing of time" [3 1/2], given minimally 7 times in scripture [KJB], Daniel 7:25, 12:7; Revelation 11:2,3, 12:6,14, 13:5; see also Luke 21:24 KJB, compared to Revelation 11:2 KJB, all being the exact same 1,260 years [AD 538 - AD 1798], as per Daniel, Revelation, Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34 KJB, and many other references.

QUESTION: SOME PRETERISTS SAY THAT (GREEK) "ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES IV" IS THE ANTICHRIST, DOESN'T HE FIT THE DESCRIPTION AND TIMING?

Looking at Antiochus IV Epiphanes [Epimanes, the mad one], and the failure of this person to fulfil the prophecies of Daniel 8's 'little horn':

"... He was not deficient in capacity or vigour of mind to make a figure in war; but [31] such perversity and indiscretion prevailed in his whole conduct and behaviour, that they soon changed the surname which they had given him, and instead of Epiphanes, called him Epimanes, or madman; for many were the acts of folly are madness which he committed. ..." Titus Livius; Livy's History of Rome, Volume 6, Book XLV [45] Chapter XIX [19] - The History of Rome, Vol. 6 - Online Library of Liberty - <http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/ivy-the-history-of-rome-vol-6>

"... Wherefore to many he appeared not to know what he was doing: some said that he acted from a silly sportive temper; others, that he was evidently mad. ..." Titus Livius; Livy's History of Rome, Volume 6, Book XLV [45] Chapter XX [20] - The History of Rome, Vol. 6 - Online Library of Liberty - <http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/ivy-the-history-of-rome-vol-6>

There are some who attempt, from the apocryphal books of Maccabees, to demonstrate that Antiochus IV Epiphanes fulfills the prophecies of Daniel 8's 'little horn', but now let us examine that source and see for ourselves that the claim cannot be defended.

For instance, we see that Epiphanes had 'ben a pledge at Rome' [1 Maccabees 1:11, Bishop's Bible 1568] [ie Hostage in youth at Rome, against his Father Antiochus III].

"... About this time, Antiochus, son to Antiochus the Great, who had been for a long time a hostage at Rome, came into possession of the kingdom of Syria, on the death of his brother Seleucus. ..." - Titus Livius; Livy's History of Rome, Volume 6, Book XLV [45] Chapter XIX [19] - The History of Rome, Vol. 6 - Online Library of Liberty - <http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/ivy-the-history-of-rome-vol-6>

It only gets worse from here on out... as even according to history he [Antiochus IV] did not wax "exceeding great" by any standards, in Egypt [South], Jerusalem [Pleasant Land] or East [Medo-Persia], as his Father Antiochus III had, etc.

A lone Roman ambassador [Gaius Popillius Laenas from the Roman Senate] and some guards put him to flight in Egypt [ca. 168 BC], rescuing Egypt completely out of his hands:

"... XI. In the mean time, Antiochus, after a fruitless attempt against the walls of Alexandria, had retired; and being now master of all the rest of Egypt, he left, at Memphis, the elder Ptolemy, whose settlement on the throne was the pretended object of his armament, though, in reality, he meant to attack him, as soon as he should have vanquished his competitors; and, then, he led back his army into Syria. ..." - Titus Livius; Livy's History of Rome, Volume 6, Book XLV [45] Chapter XI [11] - The History of Rome, Vol. 6 - Online Library of Liberty - <http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/ivy-the-history-of-rome-vol-6>

"... XII. When the time fixed for the suspension of hostilities, was elapsed, Antiochus ordered the commanders of his fleet to sail up the mouth of the Nile to Pelusium, while he himself entered Egypt, through the deserts of Arabia. He was amicably received by the people about Memphis, as he was, afterwards, by the rest of the Egyptians; some being led by inclination, others by fear; and he proceeded thus, by short marches, down to Alexandria. He had just crossed the river at Eleusine, four miles from that city, when he was met by [249] the Roman ambassadors. At their coming, he saluted them, and held out his right hand to Popillius; but Popillius putting into his hand a written tablet, desired him first to peruse that. On reading it, he said, that he would call his friends together, and consult what was to be done; on which Popillius, with that roughness which generally marked his character, drew a line round the King, with a wand which he held in his hand, and said, "Before you go out of that circle, give such an answer as I may report to the senate." Astonished at such a peremptory injunction, the King hesitated for some time; but, at last, replied, "I will do as the senate directs." Popillius then thought proper to stretch out his right hand to him; as to a friend and ally. Antiochus having retired out of Egypt, on a day prefixed, the ambassadors employed their influence in establishing concord among the royal family, on a more firm basis than it had yet acquired; and then sailed to Cyprus, from whence they sent home the ships of Antiochus, and which had fought and defeated an Egyptian fleet. This embassy attracted a great share of respect from all nations; having manifestly rescued Egypt out of the hands of the Syrian, when he had it within his grasp, and restored to the race of Ptolemy, the kingdom of their forefathers. ..." - Titus Livius; Livy's History of Rome, Volume 6, Book XLV [45] Chapter XII [12] - The History of Rome, Vol. 6 - Online Library of Liberty - <http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/ivy-the-history-of-rome-vol-6>

Even the Jews [Judas Maccabees, et al. according to the apocryphal books of [1-4] Maccabees] threw him [his armies] out of Jerusalem, in the Maccabean revolt. And nowhere could it be said that he waxed exceeding great in the east [Media-Persian, area], dying there in great heaviness [sorrow/sadness] and dishonour [1 Maccabees 6:3-6, Bishop's Bible 1568]:

1 Maccabees 6:3 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Wherefore he went about to take the citie & to spoyle it, but he was not able: for the citezins were warned of it, and fought with him:

1 Maccabees 6:4 Bishop's Bible 1568 - And so he fled, and departed with great heauinessse, and came againe into Babylon.

1 Maccabees 6:5 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Moreouer, there came one which brought him tidinges in Persia, that his hoastes which were in the lande of Iuda were driuen away.

1 Maccabees 6:6 Bishop's Bible 1568 - And how that Lysias went forth first with a great power, and was dryuen away of the lewes, how that they had wonne the victory, and gotten great goodes out of the hoastes that perished,

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Further more:

1 Maccabees 6:8 Bishop's Bible 1568 - So it chaunced, that when the king heard these wordes, **he was afrayde, & greeued very sore:
Wherefore he layde him downe vpon his bed, and fell sicke for very sorowe, and all because it had not happened as he
had deuised.**

1 Maccabees 6:9 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **And there continued he long: for his griefe was euer more and more, so that he sawe he
must needes dye.**

1 Maccabees 6:10 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Therfore he sent for all his friendes, & saide vnto them: **The sleepe is gone fro myne eyes for
the very sorowe and vexation of heart that I haue.**

2 Maccabees 9:1 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **At the same time came Antiochus againe with dishonour out of Persia.**

2 Maccabees 9:2 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **For when he came to Persepolis, and vndertoke to robbe the temple, and to subdue the
cittie, the people ranne together and defended them selues, insomuch that he and his were faine to flee with shame: and
so after that flight it happened that Antiochus came againe with dishonour.**

and, by his own words, as given in 1 Maccabees, he dies, a miserable failure, in a "straunge lande" of the "east", or just outside of Persia [and apparently, whose body, did Phillip bring down into Egypt, 2 Maccabees 9:29 Bishop's Bible 1568]:

1 Maccabees 6:13 Bishop's Bible 1568 - I know that these troubles are come vpon me for the same cause: and behold, **I must dye with
great sorowe in a straunge lande.**

1 Maccabees 6:16 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **So the king Antiochus died there, in the hundred fourtie and nine yere.**

2 Maccabees 9:28 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Thus that murtherer and blasphemer of God was sore smitten: and like as he had intreated other men, **so he died a miserable death in a straunge countrey vpon a mountayne.**

Apparently, in 2 Maccabees, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, has a repentant heart, desires to repair all of the wrongs, rebuild the temple and become a Jew himself, and preach to the world, and sends a 'letter' as such [though dies miserably still], which is also not in harmony with the scriptural account of the "little horn", which never repents:

2 Maccabees 9:13 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **This wicked person prayed also vnto the Lorde, who nowe woulde haue no mercie vpon
him:**

2 Maccabees 9:14 Bishop's Bible 1568 - And as for the citie that he came vnto so hastily, to bring it downe to the ground, and to make it a graue for dead men, now he desireth to deliuer it free:

2 Maccabees 9:15 Bishop's Bible 1568 - And as touching the lewes, whom he had iudged not worthy to be buried, but woulde haue cast them out with their children, for to be deuoured of the foules and wilde beastes, [saying that he woulde haue destroyed both olde and young:] **now he promyzed to make them like the citezins of Athens:**

2 Maccabees 9:16 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **And where as he had spoyled the holy temple afore, nowe he maketh promyse to
garnishe it with great giftes, to encrease the holy ornamente, and of his owne rentes to beare the costes & charges
belonging to the offringes:**

2 Maccabees 9:17 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **Yea and that he would also become a lewe hym selfe, to go through euery place of the
worlde that was inhabyted, and to preache the power of God.**

2 Maccabees 9:18 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **But when his paynes would not ceasse, (for the ryghteous iudgement of God was come
vpon hym) out of a very dispayre he wrote vnto the lewes a letter of intercession, conteyning these words:**

2 Maccabees 9:19 Bishop's Bible 1568 - The king and prince Antiochus, wisheth vnto the vertuous citezins of the lewes much health and good prosperitie.

2 Maccabees 9:20 Bishop's Bible 1568 - If ye and your children fare well, and if all thinges go after your minde, we geue great thanks.

2 Maccabees 9:21 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **In my sicknesse** also do I remember you louyngly: for as **I came out of Persia, & was taken
with sore disease**, I thought it necessary to care for the common wealth:

2 Maccabees 9:22 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Neither dispaire I in my selfe, but haue a good hope to escape **this sickenesse.**

2 Maccabees 9:23 Bishop's Bible 1568 - But considering that my father led an hoast somtyme in the higher places, and shewed who should raigne after him,

2 Maccabees 9:24 Bishop's Bible 1568 - That if there happened any controuersie, or any hard thing were declared, they in the lande might knowe their chiefe Lorde, that there should be no insurrection.

2 Maccabees 9:25 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Againe, when I ponder with my selfe, how that al the mightie men and neighbours rounde about are laying wayte, & loke but for oportunitie to do harme: I haue ordeined that my sonne Antiochus shall raigne after me, whom I oft commended to many of you, when I was in the higher kingdomes, & haue written vnto him as it foloweth hereafter.

2 Maccabees 9:26 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Therfore I pray you and require you to remember the benefites that I haue done vnto you generally and in especiall, and that every man wil be faythfull to me and my sonne.

2 Maccabees 9:27 Bishop's Bible 1568 - For I hope that he shalbe of sober and louing behauour, and if he folowe my deuice, he shalbe indifferent vnto you.

Furthermore, many who [incorrectly] proclaim that Antiochus IV Epiphanes is a fulfillment of Daniel 8:9's "little horn" seem, also, to not closely consider the context or the exact order of events described therein with actual historical accounts. For instance, we read [KJB; bold red brackets added]

Daniel 8:9 KJB - And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward **[1st]** the south, and **[2nd]** toward the east, and **[3rd]** toward the pleasant [land].

The scripture [KJB] is perfectly given in "order" [1 Corinthians 15:23; Colossians 2:5 KJB], in its proper "courses" [Judges 5:20; 1 Kings 5:14; 2 Chronicles 31:2; 8:14 KJB]. There are numerous Biblical [KJB] examples that may be given upon request.

Antiochus IV Epiphanes did not wax "exceeding great", by any known historically comparable standards, in any direction [in the south/Egypt, any territory he might have gained was immediately given up to Rome for fear of their entering into Battle against him, in Judaea, there were some

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temporary victories, but short-lived if at all, and ultimately humiliated by being utterly defeated by a band of rebellious Jews, and he ends up dying alone in great sadness in the east [at least in one book of Maccabees]], let alone do so in the proper course and order in which the "little horn" would do in [1] the south, [2] the east and [3] the pleasant land as the scripture [KJB] gives in Daniel 8:9. Instead, we read, even from the apocryphal [non-scriptural] source [Maccabees, as elsewhere], that he [Antiochus IV Epiphanes] attempted to gain territory in the [1] south, [2] pleasant land, [3] east, not being the order given in scripture [KJB]. For instance:

[1] south [according to 1 Maccabees, Bishop's Bible]:

1 Maccabees 1:17 Bishop's Bible 1568 - So when Antiochus began to be mightie in his kingdome, **he went about to obtayne the lande of Egypt** also, that he might haue the dominion of two realmes.

[2] pleasant land [according to 1 Maccabees, Bishop's Bible]:

1 Maccabees 1:21 Bishop's Bible 1568 - And **after that Antiochus had smitten Egypt**, he turned againe in the hundred fourtie and three yere, **and went toward Israel**.

[3] east [according to 1 Maccabees, Bishop's Bible]:

1 Maccabees 3:31 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **Wherfore he was heauy in his minde, and thought to go into Persides for to take tributes of the lande**, and so to gather much money.

1 Maccabees 6:1 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Now when king Antiochus traualied thorough ye hie countries, he heard that Elymas in Persia was a noble and plenteous citie in siluer and golde,

1 Maccabees 6:2 Bishop's Bible 1568 - And that there was in it a very rich temple, where as were clothes, coate armours, and shieldes of golde, which Alexander the sonne of Philip king of Macedonia that raignid first in Grecia had left behinde him.

1 Maccabees 6:3 Bishop's Bible 1568 - Wherefore he went about to take the citie & to spoyle it, but he was not able: for the citezins were warned of it, and fought with him:

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1 Maccabees 6:5 Bishop's Bible 1568 - **Moreouer, there came one which brought him tidinges in Persia, that his hoastes which were in the lande of Iuda were driuen away**.

Thus, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, fails in fulfilling the prophecy [Daniel 8:9 KJB] in its specific and plainly given order [one may also consider 2 Maccabees 5:2,5,11, 9:1-28], as well as any claim to "exceeding great", in any direction, or by any standards.

Looking further, in Daniel 8:23 KJB, we read of further identification, which cannot possibly be fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes IV:

Daniel 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

For [1], Antiochus IV Epiphanes, was not in the "latter time", but in the very early midst of it, being about the 7th King [175-164 BC], among many more [unto Antiochus XIII Asiaticus, 69-64 BC, some 100 years later], see "The House of Seleucus" image: <https://archive.org/details/bible-daniel-08-the-seleucid-greek-king-list>

Just looking at the discrepancies of Maccabees, the apocryphal [non-Scriptural KJB] materials in regards Antiochus IV Epiphanes:

The Three Deaths of Antiochus Epiphanes in three locations in as many ways		
First death - 1 Maccabees 6:1-16. According to this report he is in Persia and dies while in his own bed due to grief over military losses.	Second death - 2 Maccabees 1:14-17. In this passage he is also in Persia, but is supposed to be assassinated in the temple of a false goddess Nanea ...	Third death - 2 Maccabees 9:1-29. On his way to Jerusalem to wage war on the Jews, God curses him and he is eaten by worms, but before he dies he repents ...
a) Location: Persia - 6:5 b) Place: in bed - 6:8 c) Cause: dies from a broken spirit due to military reversals - 6:8, 9 d) People involved: friends - 6:10, Philip - 6:14 e) Dies: 6:16 f) Text: 1 Mac. 6:14 - 16 14 Then called he for Philip, one of his friends, whom he made ruler over his realm. 15 And gave him the crown, and his robe, and his signet, to the end he should bring up his son Antiochus, and nourish him up for the kingdom. 16 So king Antiochus died there in the hundred forty and ninth year.	a) Location: Persia - 1:13 b) Place: the temple of the goddess Nanea during his wedding - 1:13 - 15 c) Cause: crushed to death by stones hurled down from the ceiling and then dismembered - 1:16 d) People involved: Antiochus' attendants & the priests of Nanea who kill him - 1:15 e) Dies: 1:16 f) Text: 2 Mac. 1:14 - 16 14 For Antiochus, as though he would marry her, came into the place ... 15 ... and he was entered ... they (priests of Nanea) shut the temple as soon as Antiochus was come in: 16 and opening a privy door of the roof, they threw stones like thunderbolts, and struck down the captain ... smote off their heads ...	a) Location: the road to Jerusalem - 9:3 - 7 b) Place: on a mountain road - 9:8, 28 c) Cause: 1. God's curse on him - 9:5 2. He falls from his chariot - 9:7 3. worms eat him & his skin rots off - 9:9, 10 d) People involved: his chariot driver, his army - 9:4, 9 e) Dies: 9:28 f) In this account he repents and becomes a Jew and then writes a letter of peace to the Jews. g) Text: 2 Mac. 9:28 28 Thus the murderer and blasphemer having suffered most grievously ... died in a miserable death in a strange country in the mountains. ..." - Sam Gipp's 24 Hour Seminar Notes, pages 78-80, reformatted. We haven't even gotten to 3 and 4 Maccabees yet ...

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